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Living Catholic in the 808: What Easter Means to Me

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After the resurrection, those who encounter the Risen Lord are so deeply touched that they cannot be the same again. The resurrection therefore is the center piece of Christian faith. St. Paul underlines this point when he writes, "If Jesus is not raised from the dead, our preaching is in vain and we are the most pitiable men." (1 Cor 15:14) Easter is not an historical commemoration but a way of life that we celebrate on Easter Vigil and thereafter every day and every Sunday throughout the year at Holy Mass.

In the movie *Risen*, the Roman Tribune Clavius, on assignment to find the body of Jesus goes all the way to Galilee where the Risen Lord appears several times. In the end, after witnessing the Ascension, he is completely changed and affirms "I can no longer be the same again."

No one encounters the Risen Lord and remains the same. The Joy of Easter as a way of life is transformative - for everyone who has been deeply touched by the Risen Lord. Our Easter faith renders us to be powerful instruments of evangelization. Like the first eye witnesses, we are so filled with the joy of the resurrection that we cannot but share the joyful news. Christ is risen!