

My Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a continuous hope. It also gives us a meaning for our ministry as Paul said, "*if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith*" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

The power of the resurrection gives us energy to tell God's love story in whatever we do and say. It was so encouraging for me and my colleagues to celebrate Easter at El Kanatar Prisons. The prison authorities were so kind to allow us to have two communion services at the women's and men's prisons. I was able to see that the hope that the risen Lord gives, helps the prisoners to see the sky behind the bars. It reminded me with a saying I have read, "two men behind the bars; one sees the mud and the other sees the stars." When we focus on the risen Lord, we definitely see the stars, even during difficult circumstances.

**Easter Sunday** we will be celebrating a combined Arabic-Sudanese-English service at All Saints Cathedral. The President usually sends a delegate to attend the service, as well as other Muslim leaders. I request your prayers as the service will be televised.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayer support and love for the Diocese.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Yours in Christ,

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