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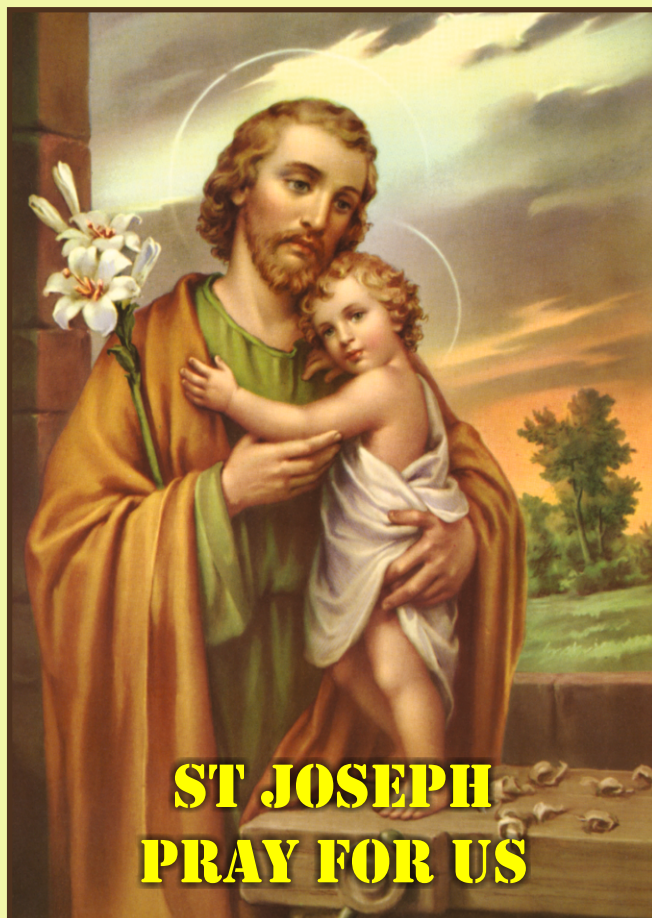
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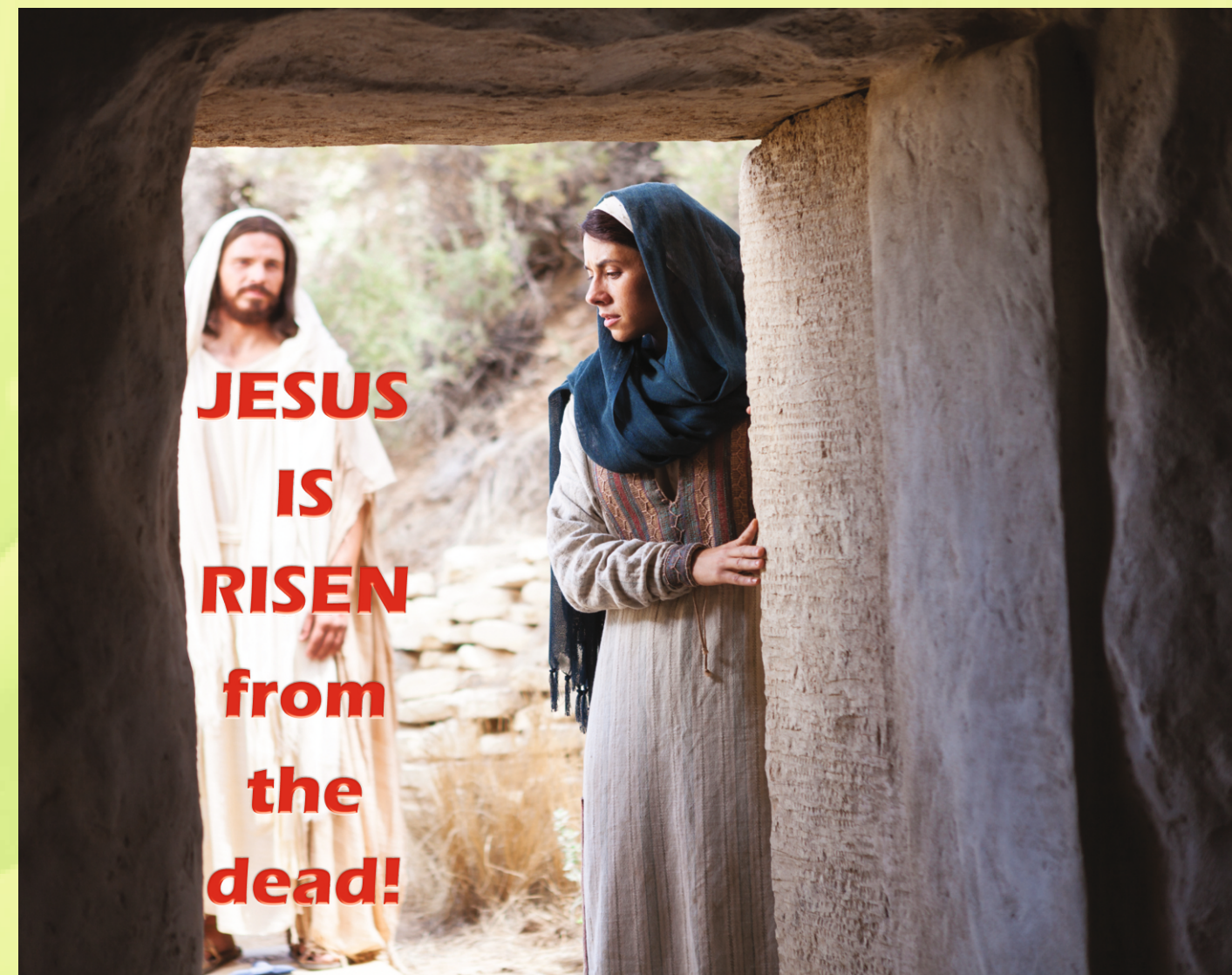
**ST JOSEPH
PRAY FOR US**

Prayer to St Joseph (Feast: 19th March)

**Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with
us this day. You protected and cherished
the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your
son, you rescued Him from danger of
death. Defend the Church, the household
of God, purchased by the blood of Christ.**

**Guardian of the Holy Family, be
with us in our trials. May your prayers
obtain for us the strength to flee from error
and wrestle with the powers of corruption
so that in life we may grow in holiness and
in death rejoice in the crown of victory.
Amen.**

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Alleluia!

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**PRAY FOR THE
NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**



**HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL GRACIAS!
40 ARCHBISHOPS + BISHOPS!
160 PRIESTS + RELIGIOUS!
WILL GATHER TO CHART
NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR THE
CHURCH IN INDIA**

**BETWEEN 7TH – 9TH MARCH 2018
AT ST JOHN'S NATIONAL ACADEMY
OF HEALTH SCIENCES – BANGALORE**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Encountering the Risen Lord



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I take this opportunity on behalf of the Universal Church to acknowledge with gratefulness the efforts of all the bishops, the priests, the Religious and the Lay Faithful for beautifully celebrating the Missionary Childhood Day 2018 all over India on the 11th of February 2018. The day was meaningfully celebrated by organizing programmes and liturgy to instil missionary enthusiasm among our children. As we have mentioned several times earlier in these column, children are little missionaries. The zeal created in them when they are very young will mature gradually to make them great soldiers for Christ.

The Christian Mission (also called Evangelization) aims at bringing the Good News of God the Father into the whole world as his son Jesus commanded us (Mk 16:15). The understanding of Mission has undergone a paradigm shift after Vatican II. More than fifty years after the Council, we are just at the beginning of the discovery of the theological implications of evangelization. The New Evangelization calls for new zeal, new expression and new methods in communicating the love of God the Father through his beloved Son with the help of the Holy Spirit.

In a Court of Law a witness testifies about an event he/she has seen happening or has personal knowledge about. He/she does not have to pay with one's life in order to prove the truthfulness of the testimony. Christian witnessing is a more profound experience of a person who has encountered Christ as Lord and Saviour. This kind of faith one is ready to testify even at the cost of one's life (Martyrdom). The Holy Scripture will guide us in understanding the true meaning of Christian witness.

We as followers of Jesus Christ are called upon to be witnesses to this truth. The experience of the encounter with the Risen Lord is real to us. That experience has to make us enthusiastic to make it known to others. The experience is such a beautiful moment that we cannot but share this good news that we cherish dearly. The good news in our lives we cannot keep for ourselves. There is an urge from inside to share every joyful event in our lives. How much more then the urge for sharing the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord?

Are we true witnesses of this event? Is there in me that 'Joy of the Gospel'? Holy Father Pope Francis beginning the Apostolic Letter 'Evangelii Gaudium' says, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus". We shall pray for this 'Joy of the Gospel': Lord Jesus, give me the experience of your visit to my hearts and life. May it permeate my whole being so completely that my spirituality, my words, my actions --- in one word, whatever I am, whatever I have and whatever I do --- may radiate to the whole world my love for you as a response, however inadequate, to your unbounded love for me and for the whole humanity.

May the Season of Lent help us to become more acutely aware of God's love for us and the challenge it poses us to respond to it adequately and appropriately, depending on the situation He has placed us in.

May the love of the Risen Lord enfold you and your loved ones, always and everywhere.

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