EASTER WISHES FROM MOTHER M. MABEL – from Tortona, 2022

(See video message: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1uhyN-Vrzk)

"The Risen Christ, on Easter Day, appears to the disciples, and how does he greet them? "Peace be with you!". This is the greeting of Christ victorious, the Risen Christ. (General Audience, Wednesday, April 13th, 2022).

With these words of Pope Francis during the audience last Wednesday, I want to reach each one of you, all the communities, the lay people who work with you, your families, friends, benefactors...

"PEACE BE TO YOU"!

Today, more than ever, we do need peace: we need to live peace, to experience peace, to be instruments of peace ...

This is how the Pope went on:

"... The word Easter means 'passage'. This year above all, it is a blessed occasion to pass from the worldly god to the Christian God, from the greed that we carry within us to the charity that sets us free, from the expectation of a peace brought by force to the commitment to bear real witness to the peace of Jesus. Brothers and sisters, let us place ourselves before the Crucified One, the wellspring of our peace, and ask him for peace of heart and peace in the world".

Easter is peace because the Risen Christ is our peace, our true peace.

Easter is a "passage" because the Risen Christ asks us to leave the old selfish and warlike habits, and allow the *"passage"* to a new way of being and living, built on the gift of self, universal brotherhood and peace.

I wish everyone to be able to celebrate this year the *Easter of "peace", the Easter of the "passage"*.

And from this very dear place to all, under the mantle of Our Lady of the Guard of Tortona and our dear Don Orione, in this special year of grace for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of his birth, I pray for each one of you and for all and I embrace you fraternally.

Let us join in the joy of the Risen Christ singing the Easter Alleluia with our lives.

HAPPY EASTER!



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Tortona, April 17th, 2022. Solemnity of Easter.