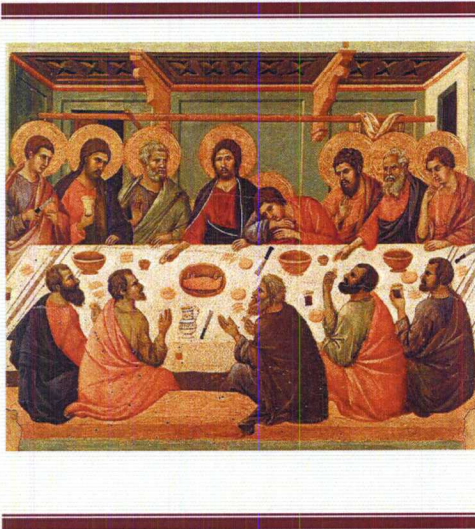


Holy Easter 2012



To the Rogationists

the Daughters of Divine Zeal

the Rogationist Missionaries

the Lay people of the Family of Rogate

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body".*

*And he took a cup, and when had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Mt. 26, 26-29).*

Dearest,

The liturgical period of Lent that we are living is a renewed gift of the Lord which we are called to welcome with a grateful heart of his children. Particularly, we are accompanied by the sacred Liturgy which, day after day, helps us to look at the Lord's Easter and to walk with Jesus towards Jerusalem.

"Lord, Holy Father, - we pray in these days - each year you give your faithful this joyful season to prepare and to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of a heart willing to serve to our neighbor. As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us".

In his Lenten message the Holy Father reminded us that "once again Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on charity, the heart of Christian life. In fact this is the proper time so that, with the help of the Word of God and the Sacraments, we may renew our personal and community journey of faith. It is a way marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fast, while waiting for living the joy of Easter.

Benedict XVI offers us precious indications to live Easter: that is a moment of intense communion with the Lord Jesus in a particular way, in the paschal supper, and to question ourselves about the fraternal communion that he left us as a testament before going back to his Father.

The love of the Father, which in Jesus is manifested in an eminent way above all in his paschal immolation, commit us to live in communion among us in the concreteness of

