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In the world we are living in this 21st century, nothing is easy, especially for us as Church and as Christian Family Movement. The Media, the social problems specially the family ones, the everyday routine and the tiredness, keep us from being bearers of good news, from being evangelizers, this give us a sense of anguish when we cannot carry on our commitment as Christians.

But...HALLELUIAH...In the mist of this situation, the risen Jesus appears and says to us: "Peace be with you". He shows his wounded hands and side from which blood and water sprung, and standing in the middle repeats, "Peace be with you!" Yes it is "Peace" that we need. Specifically our heart's peace first, and then peace with our brethren from whom we feel distant. In order to help us achieve that Peace we so much long for, He shows us his wounds, his pierced side, for He "died for us" in order to bring and gather the distant ones.

Jesus also appears to us with the might of the Resurrection, He has a Spirit of encouragement, Spirit of communication. The Spirit recreates the community, unifies it, and gives it a sense of brotherhood. How well it is expressed in The Acts of the Apostles where it mentions the Resurrection's Community: "The community of believers was of one hearth and one mind" "they had everything in common" and "great favor was accorded them all". Can the experience of the resurrection take our family, our Movement, our communities, to a brotherhood like that, so utopic?

Let's not forget that PASSOVER means to pass, it is the passing of God among us and that we are living that so special Paschal Mystery. It is God himself whom is passing here and now through our life, our marriage, our family, our Christian Family Movement...our Holy Church. His passing leaves us the aroma of his Spirit, which is a breath of life, compassionate Joy and sanctifying Grace for our Homes.

May the Risen Lord bless you and let you be true testimonies of his Love and Peace.

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