

To the Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Fargo:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! After our journey through the season of Lent and through the profound days of Holy Week, we arrive at the great celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. With great joy in our hearts, we proclaim to the world once again that Jesus has been raised from the dead, and he lives forever!

The resurrection of our Lord makes all things new, and gives renewed hope and vigor to our lives. Let that spirit of joy and hope endure as we continue to live the mystery of Easter and share this good news with our neighbors.

Dear friends, I promise to pray for each one of you and your loved ones as I celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Resurrection today. May the Risen Christ bless you and your households with a joyful Easter and with the hope of eternal happiness in his Kingdom. And may we lift our voices together and say, "Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+John T. Folda  
Bishop of Fargo