



« *The Word of the Risen Christ* *"Peace be with you ! »*

The Risen Jesus stands among us, members of the Lay Marianist Communities, and more broadly of the Marianist Family, and tells us all :



"Peace be with you! "(Luke 24:36)

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What if Jesus did not ask for our involvement or our "active" decision? At a time when we would like to "act", it may be just as necessary for us to **"welcome" the peace that Jesus wants to give us by offering us His presence**, to welcome the peace of the Risen Christ, present among us, as the first Word of Life. Our lives are sometimes fragmented, losing motivation and direction. Let God, in Jesus, lead us and propose to us what can contribute to our true joy, to our fullness.

It is **the peace of heart** he wants to give us :

- Where we are truly with ourselves, deeply human and so adjusted to the divine, to the Man-God. We lay and consecrated members of the Marianist Family contemplate the beauty of the world and the beauty of man, including the one we do not see because it is in each one of us.
- Where we are truly with our neighbour. What we have to offer him is not the best of us, it is the best of him, every time we help him to exist for what he is. It does not matter that the journey with our brothers and sisters in community in the Marianist Family is long, it is important that it is dense, full of life and exchanges that allow us to receive each other as a gift, the gift of the other to our life, an exchange of life, a journey of human adventure full of life !
- Finally, at the heart of this privileged relationship with him, Christ, who determined our vocation for each one of us. His call to follow Him, "the Way, the Truth and the Life", arouses day after day our humble and faithful response. What determines the quality of our relationship with Jesus will probably never be our determination or our efforts. The relationship of life with Him **is a constant welcoming of His life**, and will make us "living" beings, through Him and with Him.

Like Mary, let us welcome the peace of Jesus, the Christ, the Living One. It is our deepest joy and the path of Life where it precedes us.

Christ is risen !

Hallelujah, He is truly risen !

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