



Easter 2025

House Circular #8
Subject: Easter

***“Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke to us on the way
and opened the scriptures to us?”
Luke 24:32***

Dear Sisters and Associates,

As we enter the beautiful Easter Season, we are familiar with many of the gospel passages and sections from the Acts of the Apostles that are presented for our reflection. I would like to focus on one of my favorites, the Road to Emmaus from the Gospel of Luke.

At times I think we feel like those two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. We are unable to understand the events that are happening around us whether they are of a personal, communal, or political nature. They confuse us, cause us grief and uncertainty, and engender a sense of anxiety. What is our response to these situations? Do we recognize a stranger in our midst who may offer comfort, clarity, a new perspective?

I believe that we encounter individuals who can accompany us through these perplexing situations and help us to see things through a new lens. Perhaps you will notice your heart burning in the presence of a certain person and ask yourself what new life might be coming from this encounter. Or you might wonder where is Jesus hidden in my midst? Maybe you could reflect on where is Jesus accompanying you on your journey as you experience Easter 2025.

My prayer for you is that your heart will be burning as the joy and hope of Easter are opened to you by many encounters with the Jesus who is hidden in your midst.

In the resurrected Jesus,

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