



He is not here, but is risen.

LUKE 24:6

***We are Easter people and Alleluia
is our chorus!***

Forty (40) is a significant number in the Bible. The Israelites wandered 40 long years in the wilderness as a way of purging themselves of sin; Numbers 14:34; Moses spent 40 days and nights with God writing the commandments Ex 34:28-35 and 24:18. Forty (40) days of warning of the prophet Jonah to Neneveh , Jonah 3:4, 40 days and nights without food and water on Mount Horeb prophet Elijah, 1 Kgs 19:1ff, 40 days flood in Noah's time, Gen 7:4, and Jesus' 40 days and nights of fasting and prayer, Matt 4:2.

And now that we have succeeded in disciplining our bodies for 40 days and nights to enrich our beautiful soul, I say a big congratulation to you for you have triumph from death to life, darkness to light, sin to righteousness, slavery to freedom.

You have broken the chain of the devil of being held captive to sin and bad habits to the joy of the resurrection.

You have come a long way with Christ Jesus; a long journey of forty days and forty nights praying, fasting and giving alms to purge yourself of the evil content of your heart planted by the enemy.

Now, through the help of Christ Jesus who bore the burden of the cross of persecution for you, the burden of false allegation against you, the burden of those who judge you wrongly, the burden of insult heaped on you, the burden of disrespect on you, the burden of hatred on you, the burden of rejection and being treated badly in the community, the burden of un-love, the burden of the community not recognizing your worth, effort and contribution...

And your ability to cooperate with the grace of Christ Jesus and go this journey with Him... has led you and I to become the resurrected people of His singing Alleluia to our victory over Satan and all his tricks.

Now, as triumphant people, let us obey the command of Christ Jesus after His resurrection to Mary Magdalene when He said: "go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" Jn 20:11-18

We can only do this when we put into practice the meaning of LENT which is "lets Eliminate Negative Thinking." Now that LENT is over, do not go back to your old ways because that will mean playing pranks with Christ Jesus about our repentance.

Fr. Abraham, Fr. Carl & the entire IHM staff

