

„Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead.”

(Jn 20:8-9)

Dear Worshipers and Apostles of the Divine Mercy,
Dear Members and Volunteers of the "Faustinum" Association,

On Easter Monday, Peter and John went to Jesus' tomb, to the place where - after the sorrowful events of Good Friday - His body was placed. Jesus' passion and death was so dramatically cruel, that it shook the very foundation of faith even of those who were so close to Him - the Apostles. They were so worried about what had happened to Jesus that it was difficult for them to believe in His resurrection. And when they came to the tomb, they saw it was empty. They saw and they believed. They believed in the resurrection of Christ and they grasped the meaning of the announcement that He would be raised from the dead. Seeing the empty tomb, they believed in the omnipotence of God's mercy, which may deliver us from the death and lead us to life. Since then they preached forcefully, that Jesus was alive, He won and destroyed the dominion of sin and death.

Let the joy of the Risen Lord permeate our hearts with special power and blessing during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Let the faith in the power of the merciful love of God for us be strengthened, let us strongly believe that His love is much more powerful than the sin and death and all evil. Even though our faith - just as the faith of the Apostles - may be put on trial by the experience of evil and suffering, despite all, let us grow stronger in faith of the omnipotence and goodness of God. Let us gaze even more attentively in His mercy, so that we may become a more effective sign of His presence and actions in the world. Let us cherish the deep belief that for Him nothing is impossible. Our Lady, Mother of all those who wish to believe in Her Son Jesus and follow Him, is the most perfect example. For us, She sets an example of the Mother of great trust in God. Let Her loving presence help us stay open for the omnipotent Mercy of God. In the holy time of Passover, let us be accompanied by the words of Saint Sister Faustina that "despite Satan's anger, the Divine Mercy will triumph over the whole world and will be worshiped by all souls" (Diary, 1789).

May you have a joyful and blessed Resurrection Feast and receive amplexes of graces in the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

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