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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Every day we are confronted by the presentation of a frayed and damaged world. The mass media as well as social media regularly portray the elements of life that are grungy, angry, and belligerent. Mostly, we are presented with bad news. It has been suggested that human beings are drawn to bad news possibly because sudden disaster is more gripping than slow upturns. At one level, that might be true. However, at a deeper level I am convinced that the human family in fact desires good news not bad. Every day I receive messages of joy and hope from people from various backgrounds and from different places.

The world sometimes looks back to a time of nostalgic perfection, the “golden age” where things are said to have been better. At other times it gazes to the future, dreaming that there is a place where perfection will at last be achieved. For the Christian, neither of these positions completely satisfies because it would be like looking for the Garden of Eden in the past or Heaven in the future. Neither view is bad, but both lack the now.

As Christians, our faith is one that is centred on Christ because we are one in him through baptism. That means that we are called to live in the present moment with Jesus Christ, who is yesterday, today, and forever. It can be a challenge living life where we are. The temptation might befall us to avoid this moment and look to the past or the future to escape this present time.

When people write or talk to me about their joy and hope, it is because they are living and reflecting upon this moment, their “today” moment in Christ. To see Jesus Christ in everything that we think and do and say, is to be people of the Good News, not bad.

In this time of Pentecost, might I invite you to take the time to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you in your life now. The Spirit reveals Jesus. As you discover Christ in each moment of every day, you will become His herald of Good News to our world.

Peace be with you,

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