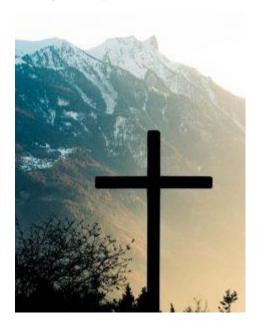
Stewardship Reflection: We are Easter People!

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No matter what we have endured the past few weeks, let us remember that we are an Easter people. The joy of Easter is celebrated not only during the liturgical season we call Easter. It is celebrated every day of the year. The Mass is the Paschal Mystery, and every time it is celebrated, we participate in the sacrifice, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul teaches, we die with Christ and rise with Him in the Holy Spirit. We are transformed into new creations. We are renewed.

Stewards of God's abundant gifts hold dear the promise of renewal and pledge themselves to the work of reconciliation, healing and proclamation of the risen Lord no matter what the cost is to themselves. For Christian stewards, each day is a new dawn for living in the light of Christ. There is much about dying and rising with Christ that we do not know; much about

the Paschal Mystery we do not understand. But stewards of God's love are always open to learning more; to being called out of their fears and anxieties and into the light of faith which comes with an ever-deeper understanding of its peace and joy.

Easter is a good time to reflect on how we can rise above tensions and troubles and experience the joy of Christ's peace. It is also a time to ask ourselves how we can experience the gift of Easter each day of our lives.