



FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE

"TO RECONCILE EVERYTHING IN JESUS...
MAKING PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS."

Holy Week 2025



Dear Friends,

*"O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"— The Exsultet*

In the icon above known as, "Christ's Descent Into Hades" or "Resurrection Icon," the two figures whom Christ has grasped and is pulling from tombs are Adam and Eve. This gesture symbolizes His victory which redeems all mankind, even back to the beginning.

The almond shape around Christ, known as the Mandorla, which is Latin for almond, is the uncreated, eternal light of Christ. This is not simply a pretty bright light. It's the light which filled the apostles with wonder when they witnessed His Transfiguration. Christ Himself described it as the power of the Kingdom of God (Mark 9:1 Matt 16:28 Luke 9:27).

It is the light that filled the once perpetual darkness of Hades when Christ descended and brought life into the realm of death. As beacons of Christ's light, it is our responsibility to convey that light to others so that they too may be freed by it, within our families, our neighborhoods, cities, nations and indeed the whole world.

Your prayers and financial gifts are vital to our mission of bringing the light of faith, hope and charity to those in need. Will you please, for the love of God and all, partner with us in sharing light and peace with those whom we are privileged to serve and minister to.

May the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, carry us all into that glorious light when our sojourn on earth is finished. We wish you and your loved ones a most happy, holy and blessed Easter season.

Sincerely In Christ,

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