



**The Beginning of the Days of the Sacred Triduum, April 1, 2021**

**To the Clergy and People of The Old Catholic Church, Province of the United States**

**From the TOCCUSA House of Bishops**

**Dearly Beloved of God,**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!!**

**We bring you Easter greetings full of the joy of God's promise that leads to everlasting life.**

**This has been an extremely difficult year for so many—the pandemic, the extreme weather events, the isolation, and even internal issues within our Church have drained us, exhausted us, and even hurt us. While it is important to acknowledge these truths, it is imperative that we look to our faith to help us.**

**The call of the Resurrection is to rise up and live! During Lent we looked at and prayed about the many deaths which are characteristic of our lives. Now it is time to re-focus on the call to new life.**

**The Spirit is blessing us, and we are allowing Her to reenergize and refocus our work. As evidence, we want to let you know about the latest fruits of the Church. During the past seven months we have:**

- **Expanded our Church by welcoming a new Diocese (Diocese of the Southeast), a new Bishop and many new faithful**
- **Established increased communication between the House of Bishops and the Executive Council**
- **Produced a new website, new Facebook page, YouTube, and Twitter accounts**
- **Established a Ministry of Communication team**
- **Established a Ministry of Finance team**
- **Produced and are now offering 5 lay education units.**

**Most importantly, we look forward to the time when the full House of Bishops again gathers to shepherd our Church.**

**New life, life in the Spirit, will carry us forth to enjoy the encompassing and comforting love of the Risen Christ who looks over us all, guides and directs our Church. May the grace and love of God lift your heart, fill your soul, and bless your life!**

**Sincerely yours in Christ,**

**Most Rev. Michael J. Scalzi**

**Most Rev. Marty Shanahan**

**Most Rev. Dr. Rosemary Ananis**

**Most Rev. Steven Roszczewski**