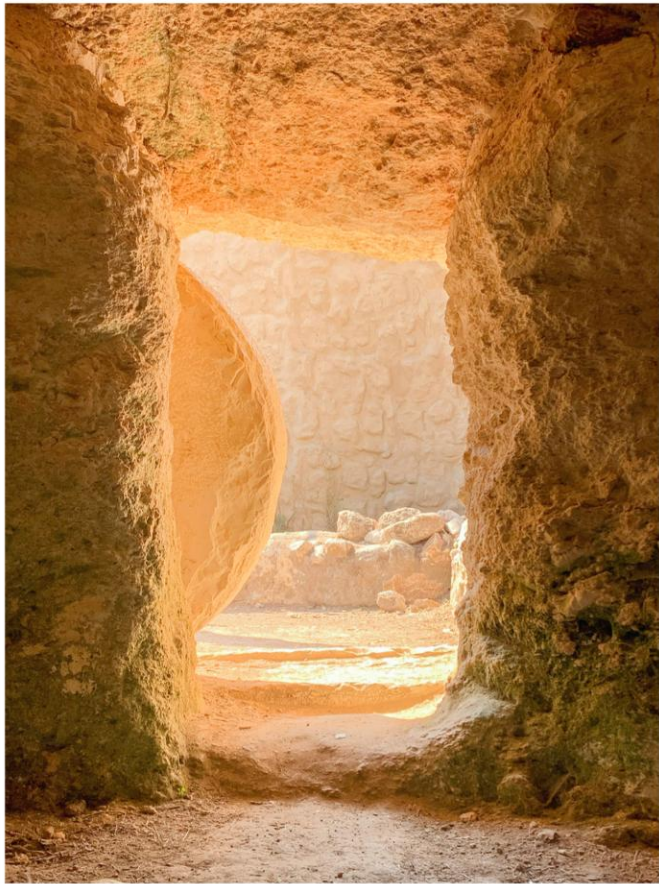


April 6, 2026

Dear Confreres,

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!

Having just celebrated the Triduum, we still carry with us the deep wonders from the communion of the Upper Room to the deep heartbreak of the Cross, and finally to the startling joy of the Empty Tomb. Each of these moments was a divine "interruption" that pulled the disciples out of their old lives, shattered their expectations, and changed the course of history forever.



In his book *Jesus Changes Everything*, Stanley Hauerwas argues that the Gospel is a radical interruption intended to dismantle our desire for a predictable, controlled life. This interruption is the movement of the Holy Spirit that keeps faith from becoming static.

For us, as Priests of the Sacred Heart, this "interruption" is the very essence of our *Ecce Venio*. It is the call that pulls us out of our personal fortresses, beckoning us to encounter the Sacred Heart in the wounds of the world.

Hauerwas reminds us that because of the hope we find in Easter, we can set aside the armor of self-preservation. We can afford to

be vulnerable—to the realities of aging, to the deep ache of loss, and to the unpredictable tides of change.

Ultimately, the Resurrection births a community capable of ongoing renewal. As a Province, may we journey toward a future where our security rests not in our structures or fiscal assets, but in the heartbeat of a pierced, broken, and then reborn Heart—inviting our own hearts to finally beat in union with His.

Happy Easter!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping tail.