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“Mary Magdalene is our icon whom we contemplate as a woman disciple in mission. On that first Easter morning she discovered the empty tomb; she turned from her fears, anxieties, tears when she encountered the Risen Lord; she ran to proclaim this new experience of life: ‘I have seen the Lord’. In the same way, we are invited to continue the process of transformation in the movement of seeing the new reality, turning from the old, to proclaim the experience of new life.”

(Thirteenth General Chapter of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters)

Dear Members of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association,

In the Gospel readings during the Season of Easter we hear stories about Mary Magdalene and the Resurrected Jesus. She was present in the life of Jesus as much as most of the disciples were during His earthly ministry. She was also with Jesus at the time of His tremendous suffering. It seems natural that she was one of the first followers of Jesus who encountered the Risen Lord on the morning of His Resurrection.

Mary Magdalene was eagerly waiting for the moment in which the Sabbath obligations would end and she would be able to prepare the body of Jesus for a proper burial and bid Him last farewell. She brought some spices and fearfully approached the tomb where He was laid. Suddenly she realized that the body of Jesus was not in the tomb. Struggling to understand what happened she became even more fearful. She turned away from the tomb wanting to forget what had happened. Ready to return to the place where she stayed heavy with fear and disappointment she heard the familiar voice calling her name - MARY.

Hearing her name, gave her assurance that she was chosen for a special mission. Immediately she turned away from her fear, from her personal undertakings toward the Lord. His voice and the gaze with which He looked at her freed Mary Magdalene to announce His resurrection first to the disciples and then to others. Love that transpired from the encounter with the resurrected Jesus enabled her to face new challenges with hope.

We are called a resurrection people!

What does it mean for me to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus?

How am I called to respond to the process of transformation in my life?

What does my encounter with You, Risen Lord mean for me today?

Let us go afire with Christ to proclaim Christ’s resurrection with Mary Magdalene as our example and guide. She turned away from fear and joyfully carried the message of the resurrection to the believers in the early Church. May our encounter with the Lord during these Holy Days impel us to share what we ourselves have received.



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ALLELUIA! Christ is indeed Risen!

Sr. Elwira Dziuk

Called by the Spirit, Embracing the World.