

## EASTER GREETINGS IN SPRING 2026

### HUNGARIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE – ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN HUNGARY

“... THE WORLD WILL NOT SEE ME ANYMORE, BUT YOU WILL SEE ME. BECAUSE I LIVE, YOU ALSO WILL LIVE.” (John 14:19)

These words of Scripture speak of the good news of Easter. For, the essence of Easter joy is that God triumphs over the powers of evil, sin and death. Through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God gives life and hope to the world, a hope which is desperately needed today; when wars, social tensions, epidemics, the sufferings of our persecuted Christian neighbours, the glaring poverty of hundreds of millions, the destruction of nature, and many other dangers cast a shadow over our days.

Jesus conquers the powers of darkness. He lives, and he calls all of us to bear witness to him with our lives and words; and with a certainty that transcends denominational differences. For, Jesus is our common Lord. Where the Easter good news of God's love is preached, faith awakens. There, life blossoms in spiritual deserts, the homeless are supported, the hungry are fed, the needy are helped, and hope is given to those who bear the burden of old age. There, families live in love and fidelity and joyfully say yes to bearing and nurturing children. There hope shines in the eyes of all people.

Let us celebrate this Easter not only with beautiful words but first and foremost with the testimony of our lives. Let us do our utmost for the spiritual renewal of our faith communities and for that of our nation, so that the entire family of humanity might discover anew the way of faith, love, justice and peace.

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