



Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Office of the Bishop

Matthew 28:6 He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this Easter brings you a sense of peace and hope; hope in a God who loves us so much that He gave his only Son as a ransom for our sins. What appeared to be an ending for Jesus, His death on a cross, became a new beginning for all who believe.

The Resurrection is the ultimate sign of hope. All appeared to be lost as Jesus was placed in the tomb, but that was not the end of the story. Three days later, those who were feeling lost and hopeless found His tomb empty. Jesus was raised, glorified, just as He promised, and He is with us today.

I understand the uncertainty, even fear, that comes with the struggles we face in life, even the Diocese's reorganization, but I also have hope. I have hope because of the Resurrection. I have hope because of all of you, the people who serve so well in our diocese, in our parishes. Those who volunteer, giving of their time, giving their hearts. I have hope because of our many dedicated priests, deacons and religious who dedicate their lives to serving God, to serving you.

We are blessed and I pray that this Easter and beyond will bring new life, to all.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Ed