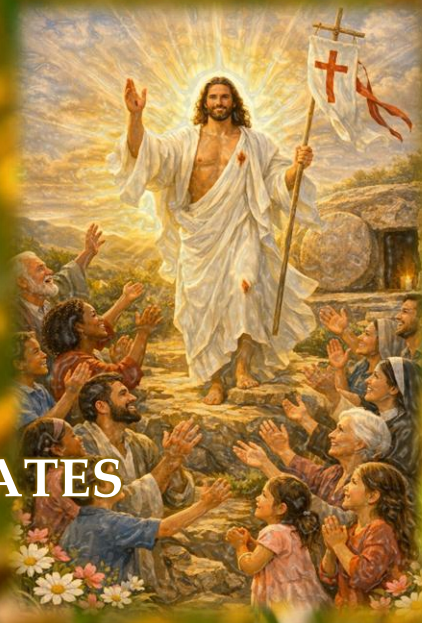




CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES

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## THE RISEN LORD RECREATES THE COMMUNITY

*“The community is the first place where the Risen Lord makes Himself present”  
(Vita Consecrata, 42).*

*“The reason for our being together is Christ, who is at the centre of every  
community which, in its multicultural nature, becomes a place of fraternity,  
witness, welcome and hospitality” (XIII General Chapter, 78).*

*Dear brothers and sisters of the Consolata Family, relatives, friends, benefactors,  
and all people of good will!*

At dawn on the first day of the week, when the night has not yet been fully overcome and silence seems to hold its breath, a group of women walks towards a tomb. They carry with them spices, tears, and questions. They do not know that they are about to become the first witnesses of the beginning of a new life. Easter is born in this way: from an uncertain step, from a searching heart, from a small and fragile community which, in its journeying, refuses to surrender to death.

This story continues to repeat itself. Every year, in every place, in every community that dares to rise and go out to meet the Lord. The Risen One draws near to our steps, just as He did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus: He accompanies, listens, enlightens and warms the heart. Easter is always a shared journey, a transforming encounter, a presence that rebuilds communion.

We too, like those women and like the disciples of Emmaus, often walk without recognizing Him. Together with our communities, we carry fatigue, misunderstandings, and deep desires for renewal. Yet precisely there, on the daily roads of Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe, the Risen Lord draws near, walks beside us, listens, opens our eyes and rekindles our hearts.

### **EASTER THAT RECREATES FRATERNITY**

The Gospel accounts tell us that the Risen Lord does not appear to isolated individuals, but to the gathered community: to Thomas who returns to the group, in the Upper Room, along the road, around the table, on the shores of the lake, by the fire after an unsuccessful night of fishing. His first action is not a spectacular miracle, but the rebuilding of communion: He gathers the scattered, binds wounds, dispels fear, and restores trust.

In this year in which our missionary Family dedicates itself to community life, Easter surprises us with a simple truth: God does not save us on our own. He saves us together. It is in fraternity that His light finds its way; it is in communion that mission takes shape; it is in sharing that consolation becomes credible.

*“The Church is the community of the Risen One. All of us are the community of the Risen One! At first glance it might sometimes seem that the darkness of evil and the toil of daily living have got the upper hand, the Church knows with certainty that the now everlasting light of Easter shines upon those who follow the Lord Jesus.”* (Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, Saint Peter’s Square, Third Sunday of Easter, Rome, 10 April 2016).

The Risen Lord, in the midst of the community, urges us to rediscover the joy of a fraternity that listens and welcomes, that forgives and reconciles, that sustains the mission and makes it credible, and that becomes consolation for the little ones and the poor.

## **SAINT ALLAMANO: A LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY**

In the Centenary of the birth into Heaven of our Founder, Saint Joseph Allamano, his conviction resounds strongly: “Mission is not done alone. Mission is the work of a family.”

We imagine him walking beside his missionaries like the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus: discreet, attentive, fatherly. He desired communities that were poor, holy, joyful, and united, capable of proclaiming the Gospel with their lives even before their words. His Centenary is not meant to be a showcase of relics from the past, but a memory that opens the future, an invitation to begin again, to let ourselves be renewed by the Easter fire, to live mission as communion.

Allamano, in the holiness of his life, returns to us as a lived Gospel: simplicity, dedication, care for one another, love for the Church, passion for mission. Holiness, for him, was not a goal for a few, but a daily path made of fidelity, small gestures, and perseverance.

Easter asks us to renew this style of humble service, without noise; to recognize in our brothers and sisters the face of the Risen One; to walk together without leaving anyone behind; to carry one another’s burdens; to be communities that console, welcome and hope. To all we wish to send a ray of the light of the Risen Christ, who transforms everything: darkness is overcome by light, fruitless work becomes fruitful again, weariness and abandonment give way to new energy and to the certainty that He is with us.

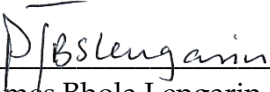
And so, dear confrères, every one of our communities scattered throughout the world, by living fraternity, becomes a small Upper Room where the Risen Lord appears and says: “Peace be with you.” From this greeting the mission begins anew: not from strategies, but from reconciled hearts; not from programs, but from hands that join; not from solitude, but from multicultural communities which, by living fraternity, become a prophetic sign of God’s Consolation.

To our dear families, friends, benefactors, and all people of good will, we express our deepest gratitude. Your closeness is a living part of our mission; your generosity is a light that sustains our works; your prayer is the breath that nourishes our fidelity. We carry you with us in our liturgies, in our communities, on our missionary paths. Your names are written in the heart of our family.

May this Easter 2026 find us all on the way, like the women at dawn, like the disciples of Emmaus, like Allamano. May the Risen Lord reach us in our homes and communities, in our expectations and hopes. May His peace open new paths in our lives. May Our Lady Consolata protect us and may Saint Joseph Allamano intercede for us and accompany us with his example of holiness.

This is the blessing we interchange in the peace of the Risen Christ.

***Happy Easter 2026***

  
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*Superior General*

