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GREETINGS FOR EASTER!

Once again, we are celebrating EASTER in the midst of turbulent times! How can we continue to Row together in Hope – towards a new “norm”? There seems to be new waves of Corona virus surfacing and even more turbulence, due to the military coup in Myanmar.

News from Myanmar (as on Sunday 28 March)

The situation of Myanmar remains unstable and violence has escalated. We are united with our community in prayer and we have been receiving daily updates from them. We stay indoors and avoid unnecessary travel. We also contribute in small ways like bringing communion to the sick, packing food parcels for the poor and preparing palm branches for Palm Sunday.



From left to right: Sisters Maria, Heza, Antonia, Searchers Theresa, Bernadette, Juliet & Postulant Susan at Canossian Formation House, Yangon.



Children at Canossa Home in Thanlyn preparing palms for Palm Sunday.

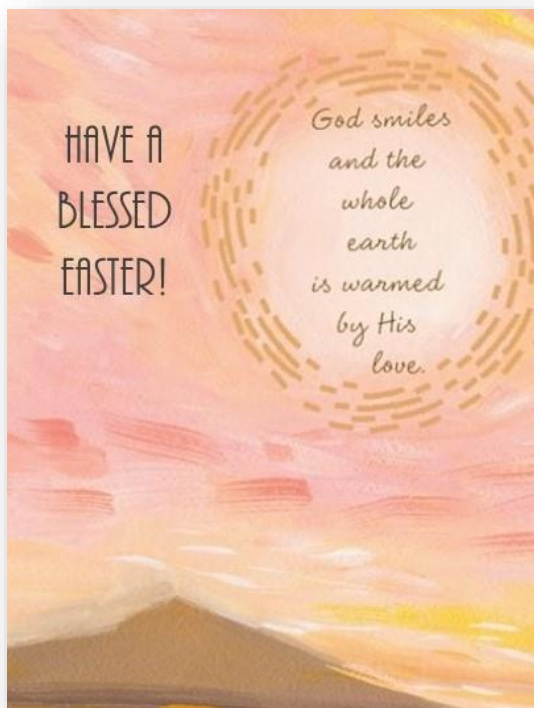
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- In Singapore, we thank God for safety and security and vaccines available to all! We are grateful to our many benefactors and volunteers, in a special way the Canossian Lay Missionaries and others who packed superjumbo boxes of useful items to be sent to overseas mission stations.
- The celebration of the **80th Anniversary of Canossa Convent (1941 – 2021)** on 1st March as part of Canossian Saints Day was touching and our history was well captured in a publication entitled “The Never-ending gift” written by Ms Michele Zoe Ho. There was also the blessing of the Canossian Village Library

- The opening of the **Heritage Gallery, “Nostalgie Canossiane”** at St Anthony’s Primary and Secondary Schools held on Foundress day celebrated on 5 March was also an exhilarating experience for Sisters, staff and alumni. Chapel, corridors, classrooms at 111 Middle Road were so well replicated. Those who wish to may visit St. Anthony’s Canossian Secondary School’s Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/4ycwyTTzCa/>
- Our Schools participated in the **Catholic Education Conference 2021**. The theme of the Conference was “Celebrating, Encountering and Creating the God experience”. It was an informative, enlightening and inspiring experience, set within the context of the Catholic SG 200 Anniversary Celebrations. It highlighted the importance of the early Missionaries who laid the foundations for the faith formation in the Catholic Schools, Primary and Secondary, Catholic Junior College, International School and Special School run by the Archdiocese and Religious Congregations.
- We also rejoice with the Singapore Hospice Association for the **25 years of Hospice Care** in Singapore, pioneered at St Joseph’s Home. Thanks to the wonderful team work of Sr Geraldine Tan together with Dr Anne Merriman, Dr Cynthia Goh and many others who collaborated in this mission.
- We ask for your prayer for all our elderly and sick Sisters.

Thank you to each of you for your friendship and support to all of us and our mission in so many different ways.

It is good to know that no matter how challenging the situation we are in, we can awake each day with JESUS the CHRIST, our RISING SUN who is our HOPE yesterday, today and always.



May EASTER HOPE continue to live in our hearts because JESUS is ALIVE and ALIVE FOREVERMORE.

With Sr Geraldine and Sr Louisa,
I wish you a BLESSED EASTER!

Love and prayer,
Sr Christina Yeo