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Continuing on the Way...

Dear brothers and sisters:

Lent is a sacramental sign of conversion; it is a call to live out more intensely and concretely the paschal mystery in our personal, family and social life.

In his letter to consecrated men and women of February 2, 2019, Pope Francis invites us to "the interior pilgrimage that begins in contemplation, the fruitful spring of the Christian mission ... For a disciple, the most important thing is to be with the Master, listen to him, learn from him. And this is always true, for our entire lives. If the burning and tender love of God does not light a fire in our hearts, how can we, poor sinners, inflame the hearts of others? "(From the Letter of the Pope to Consecrated Men and Women)

The Pope invites us, then, to renew our vocations with joy and passion because the all-encompassing act of love is a long journey, much like the Lenten season. The road makes sense when you know where it leads: it is the end of the road that gives relief to the pilgrim. But when we walk this path we must be discerning, overcome obstacles, detach ourselves from things that hinder us, and avoid unnecessary detours that could jeopardize us on our way.

The Christian life requires a renewed commitment every single day. It requires that we keep putting forth effort to overcome obstacles and commit ourselves to continual conversion. These efforts help counteract the ideologies that distract us from the real goal of Easter.

Without the hope of Easter, Lent would lose its meaning; Without Lent, Easter cannot be reached. To walk along the way forgetting what awaits us at the end is to walk blind; to want the end without putting in the effort is childish illusion.

Let's continue on. Let us live, from the heart, the experience of the risen Christ, because He is the source of our hope.

Happy Easter to you all and may the Light of the Resurrected Christ illuminate the paths of your life!

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