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In a world where many life choices seem to be

Everlasting hope

between bad or worse, it is easy to get disheartened and start believing that change, positive

change can never happen. From See - Judge - Act

the early days of humanity, hatred, wars, treach-

crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort" (Psalm 22:4). In Greek mythology, Pandora's box was a gift from the gods to Pandora. It contained all the evils of the world, which were released when Pandora opened the box. However, it also contained hope. The evils inside the box represent the challenges and difficulties in our lives, while

ery, corruption, and lust for power plagued this world. Yet amidst this darkness humanity trudg-

es on against all odds. As the Psalmist David

no evil would I fear. You are there with your

reflects "If I should walk in the valley of darkness

Easter is the season of everlasting hope. Even its timing at the doorstep of springtime imparts a sense of hope, a sense of new life, a sense of continuity. Spring is that time of year were na-

hope represents the optimism and resilience to

overcome those challenges.

though they die" (John 11:25)

of winter. Easter fulfils our hope in Jesus, the Son of God, who not only came into this

ture springs back to life after the long cold nights

"When we are troubled or

wounded – and you know well what it means to be troubled. wounded – we are led to 'nest' around our sadness and our fears. The Holy Spirit feeds us with

living hope. Invite him. Let us ask him to come to us and he will come near. Come, Comforter Spirit! Come

give us some light, give us the sense of this tragedy, give us the hope that does not disappoint. Come, Holy Spirit!"

(Camerino Italy 2019)

~ Pope Francis ~

world to share our humanity, but through his death and resurrection threw open the doors to eternal life. A typical dictionary defines the word hope as "a feeling of expectation and desire

for a particular thing to happen". A valid definition, yet suggestive of a temporal kind of hope, a basic hope that can be discouraged, that can be destroyed. A hope without a warranty, a hope so fragile that is best kept inside Pandora's box! Easter however challenges this interpretation of hope. Easter brings to the fore

a hope that is grounded in faith; this is living hope. Living hope cannot be destroyed. It cannot be discoloured by disillusionment, disenchantment, disappointment, or bitterness. Living Hope does not age, and it cannot die because it resides in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Living hope is hope set free in our world. "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even

Life is not always perfect. Bad things happen, injustice abounds, and innocent people suffer. And one asks how is it that one can trust God with all the low

points in life? The answer is in the living hope, the idea that the life we know is

not the complete picture. There is more to come after the life we experience in our frail human bodies. The apostle Paul, albeit all the suffering and injustice he endured, pleaded the hope in the resurrection when put on trial for preaching the Good News. Living hope gives humanity meaning, it gives us that ability to endure and prevail against all odds. Living hope is that hope which participates in the continuous

process of God's creation which the honest, hard working worker participates in. Work is not just a means to a pay cheque at the end of the month, albeit this is

important as is just compensation for work. Work is more pointedly participation in creation, and how can one be participant in a life-giving creation, if they give up on life - what would be the point? When tempted to give up, lets turn our eyes to the events of Easter Sunday and re-energised double our efforts to remain agents of living hope. Agents that have an unwavering belief that change is possible, good is possible. Let's truly engage in active action to bring about this change. A person that believes in

living hope cannot be passive but must actively engage in society through all

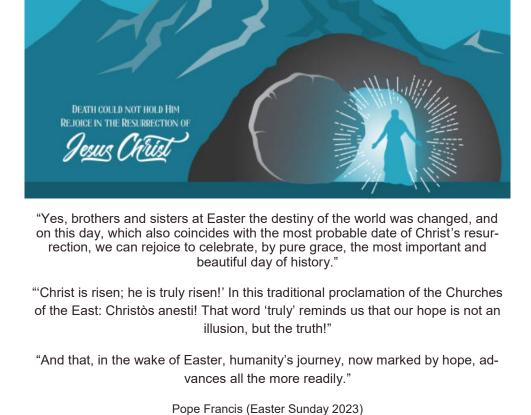
means at their disposal, all to their own abilities.

hope for change and let us be that change today.

He is R**i**se

Active action can be as simple as doing my daily job with diligence, exemplary behaviour, being clearly and vocally incorruptible. For some it's just ordinary, for others it is a calling for the extraordinary, to dedicate their time, energy, and life to fight for justice. When we put our trust in God "Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 22:6). Therefore, let us as we experience the season

of Easter ask God for this living hope in Jesus Christ our saviour and king. Let us



ZĦN Annual General Meeting The ŻĦN annual general meeting was held on the 18th of March. During the

annual meeting a number of topics of significant import to the movement were discussed, as well as welcoming three new members in the general council.

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