

Dear Friends,

Today is Holy Saturday. Those who have walked with Jesus during this past week realize that there is no place to go; Christ is in the tomb. Today we wait, we watch, we keep vigil, anticipating that remarkable moment when the angel announces to the faithful women that Christ has risen.

While we keep vigil today, I ask that we reflect briefly on one aspect of the Easter Vigil. During normal times, the Easter Vigil begins outside the church building with the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle. The Easter Candle leads the people into the darkened church. Three times along the way to the sanctuary the procession stops, the Easter Candle is lifted high and the priest sings "Christ Our Light" and the flame of the Easter Candle is used to light the candles the people holding. By the time the Easter Candle arrives at the sanctuary, the church is no longer dark. The candles in the hands of hundreds of people, having been lighted by the flame of the Easter Candle, dispel the darkness of that night.

Even though we won't be gathering to celebrate the Easter Vigil as a community, I ask that we embrace what the Church is trying to show us. The light of the Risen Christ is to be reflected in each of our lives and then together, with Christ, we can dispel the darkness of this world.

The world is awfully dark right now and there is only one thing that can over come that darkness - the Light of the Risen Christ reflected in your life.

Let us wait with joy for the news of the Lord's victory over death. Fr. Caruso