

THE MESSENGER

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During this Easter Season, let us celebrate the *Lent* (spring) that brings renewal to the world and life itself as we remember the loving response of Christ to our human condition by His earthly and eternal sacrifice.

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