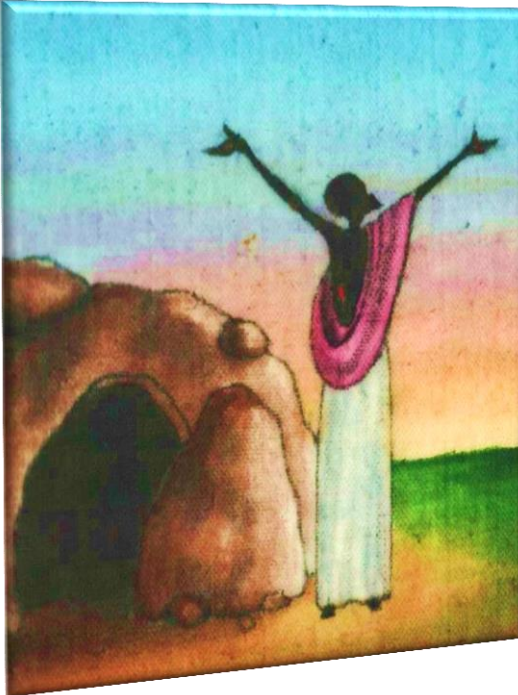


## EASTER GREETINGS 2014

Dear Sisters,

Easter Greetings to each one of you from the General Council here in Rome.

As we journeyed through Lent this year, we were united through our prayers and Lenten sacrifices, united as women apostles, ever faithful to our mission of evangelization.



In a special way, we have carried in our prayers and in our hearts, OLAs for whom Lent 2014 has been a very difficult time; those of you who live and work with the constant threat of violence; those of you for whom illness has provided many challenges; those of you who are grieving the death of loved ones, OLA Sisters or family members; and all types of trials and sufferings, some of which we are aware and some that are only known in the depths of the hearts of those suffering.

But as St. Paul says, "we can boast about our sufferings, because suffering brings patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance and perseverance brings hope..." (Romans 5:3-4)

And hope is the great gift of the Risen Christ. Because of Him, we are confident that the darkness will lift, there will be resurrection and joy will return to our hearts.

This Easter, may each one of us truly experience this hope and in turn become 'visible, clear, brilliant signs of hope in the world' where it is most needed (cf. Pope Francis) .

Wishing each one of you the hope and joy that only the Risen Christ can bring to our hearts.

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