



The Sacred Catholic Church of the East Sovereign Ecclesiastical Principality

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“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5.8)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lent is a period of reflection. A commitment to repentance. Constitutes a period the forty days of Lent in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

The season of Lent is always a privileged moment when the People of God reflect prayerfully and serenely on their relationship to God, to the Church and to themselves.

In her spiritual care for her children, the Church of Christ recommends to us the traditional penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as fitting ways to help us grow in the life of grace and holiness.

The forty days of Lent offer us a special opportunity to reflect on the mercy of God which has shown itself most fully in the life of Jesus Christ. Indeed, Jesus is the face of the Father’s mercy.

The Lent is a special moment for to performing works of mercy wherever and whenever we can.

By performing the works of mercy as signs of our gratitude for the mercy God has bestowed on us, we can, with God’s grace, help to transform our homes, places of work into places where people can personally experience an encounter of mercy and be motivated to be merciful to others.

The Lent is an opportunity the Church gives us every year for conversion and renewal - conversion of mind, heart and action so that we can better fulfil the two great commandments: “You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, mind and strength... You must love your neighbour as yourself” (Mk 12,30-31).

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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