



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST  
*Living the Truth in Charity*

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Dear Faithful and Friends of Christ the King,

On behalf of our Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach, I extend heartfelt Easter greetings to each of you. May the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection bring you abundant grace and joy. I also wish to thank you sincerely for your generous response to this year's U.S. Provincial Appeal, "Many Apostolates, One Mission," through which you contributed \$156,689—the most generous and successful appeal to date, and a beautiful witness to the faith and charity that unite us as members of the Body of Christ.

"I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 121) This joy is experienced by countless faithful at the oratories and parishes served by the Institute in 25 dioceses across the United States. Through your generosity, our U.S. Provincial Headquarters has been able to coordinate and expand this vital outreach. In just the past year, five new apostolates have been established, serving approximately 1950 additional faithful each week and bringing the peace of Christ to more hearts than ever before.

The Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, WI, now serves as a place of spiritual renewal for the entire Institute family. Well over 200 retreatants have already been welcomed, with 12 more retreats scheduled in the coming months. As one retreatant wrote, "*This has been one of the top things I have ever done in my life... I have been healed so much here and showered with graces from our Lord.*" Another shared, "*The week was truly life-changing for me; I have never been happier or more sure of where I should be and what I should be doing.*"

This spiritual fruit is also seen in vocations. Six men were ordained to the holy priesthood for the Institute in 2025, and another class of deacons prepares for ordination this year. Our international seminary now forms about 110 seminarians (over 40 from the U.S. & Canada). Several new clerical oblates, who serve as brothers in the Institute's family, are now serving in our apostolates.

Saint Francis de Sales reminds us: "God wishes that we should belong wholly to Him, and He gives Himself wholly to us." Your prayerful and financial support makes this mutual belonging tangible for so many, as together we respond to the faithful and extend the reign of Christ the King.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, may the joy of Easter fill your hearts and homes with lasting peace and hope.

Gratefully mindful of you at the holy altar in my daily prayers during this Eastertide, I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico  
U.S. Provincial Superior