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<h1>April 2013</h1> <p><i>Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. (John 20: 19-31)</i> <i>Do you love? ... Follow me. (John 21: 1-19)</i> <i>My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10: 27-30)</i> <i>As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (John 13: 31-35)</i></p>							
<p><i>We adore You most Holy Lord Jesus Christ in all Your Churches throughout the world, and we praise You, for by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world</i></p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	The anguished fear of having lost him is a sure and evident sign that he dwells within you.	Your soul seeks and doesn't find so it suffers, flounders, becomes exhausted, without ever calming itself ...	Knowledge of God's loving plans for you must serve as an incentive to lay aside all fear ...	Run, then, without growing weary, and may the lord direct and guide your steps so that you may not fall.	Make haste, I tell you, for the road is long and time is very short.	Be careful, above all, of charity toward God, your neighbor, and yourself.	
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Refrain from judging anyone whomsoever, except when it is your duty to do so.	Hold everyone in esteem, and you will also show yourself to be a worthy (child) of the heavenly Father.	At times the spirit is willing and the flesh weak, but God wants the spirit more than anything else.	Cling closer and closer to God ... Nature too was made for happiness.	While God tries us by his crosses ... he also leaves us a glimmer of light ... to have great trust in him ...	I urge you, therefore, not to be entirely disheartened in the face of the cross ... heaven bestows on you ...	Continue to have boundless confidence in the divine mercy.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Let us be docile in face of these events (WWI), which are apparently harsh but are a sign of true mercy.	Let us continue to trust.	The God who humiliates ... is the God who is still speaking to us ... still the God who loves us.	(God) is waiting for the voice of our repentance to silence his thun-dering ... our tears to extinguish his lightning.	Let our tears of true contrition never fail us.	Let us lift up our hands to heaven and implore tears of this kind for all our fellow travelers.	Infinite praise and thanks to Jesus, King of souls, for treating you as a chosen (child) of his own.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Rejoice, then, along with me at (the) outstanding benevolence of our good God.	Oh...how delightful and consoling it is to know that without any merit of our own, this most tender Father has raised us to such high dignity.	The good we endeavor to do to others will also result in the sanctification of our own souls.	The Holy Spirit does not work in all souls in the same way. He <i>blows as he wills and where he wills.</i>	Live completely at peace because there will be light.	When assailed by pride, say to yourself: What good is there in myself that I have not received?	If I have received everything, why should I praise myself? I would be foolish to praise my-self for what is not mine.	
28	29	30	<p>My Resurrected Jesus, my Lord and my God, I join with all creation in celebrating the feast of Your victory over sin and death. The light of the Resurrection gives meaning to all life. Death and suffering no longer have the last word. You have conquered all that darkens our lives and have introduced us to the New Day. May the joy of the Resurrection fill the hearts of all whom you have redeemed in your Blood. May Your Holy Spirit, first Gift of the Resurrection, be with with us always, that we may be renewed and filled with Life as we seek to be <i>Heralds of the Great King</i> proclaiming Your Resurrection and New Life to all the world.</p>				
Let your entire life be spent in resignation (to God's will), prayer, work, humility, and rendering thanks to the good God.	If you notice a feeling of impatience arising, immediately have recourse to prayer.	Turn your thoughts to the annihilation that the Son of God suffered for loved of us ... you will experience its salutary fruits.					

***April – Month of the Redemption
The 15 “Stations of Joy”
From Resurrection to Pentecost***

The “Stations of Joy” each commemorate one of the passages in Scripture when the Resurrected Jesus tried tenderly to convince us of His Resurrection, to change our sorrows into joys. A sad Christian is not a convincing Christian... let us try to pray and live these “Stations of Joy” during the glorious Paschal time, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The 40 days of Lent are intense ones for a Christian, but the next 40 days of Paschal time, from the Resurrection to the Ascension, should be the most joyful, ending an extra 10 days later with the glory of Pentecost.

(The Scriptural citations after each Station of Joy are offered for anyone who might desire to use a Station a day as a personal point of meditation)

Litany of the Stations of Easter Joy

() Indicates the refrain to be said after each Station: Through Your glorious Resurrection, grant me this grace, Lord Jesus.*

I Lord, through Your glorious Resurrection, may I live in

the gift of Your love, joy and peace, and witness the New Life You offer those who believe in You.

() [Mt.28, Mk.16, Lk.24/28, Jn.20-21]*

II Lord, through Your encounter with Mary Magdalene after Your Resurrection, may I hear You speak my name each day in the depths of my heart and respond by proclaiming Your love to others in my life.

() [Jn.20, Mt.28, Mk.16]*

III Lord, through Your encounter with the other Holy Women and instruction to tell the Good News to the disciples of Your Resurrection, may I be fearless in proclaiming my Faith in You to everyone.

() [Mt.28,8-10; Lk.24, 10-11]*

IV Lord, through Your encounter with Two Disciples from Emmaus who were enlightened on the road and recognized You in the Breaking of the Bread, may I hear Your Word with an open heart and always acknowledge You truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. May I joyfully acknowledge You without hesitation as the two of Emmaus did.

() [Lk.24: 13-35]*

V Lord, through the Peace, Pardon, and the Paraclete's grace You offered as the first gifts of Your Resurrection, may I cooperate with God's grace and be a source of forgiveness and peace to others.

(*) [Jn.20: 21-23]

VI Lord, through Your manifestation to the Doubting Thomas, may I come to recognize You in the wounds and scars of those who suffer in any way, and acknowledge You before all people as My Lord, and My God.

(*) [Jn.20: 24-28]

VII Lord, through Your appearance and concern for the needs of the Apostles who went fishing and Your eating with them as a sign that it was truly You alive, grant that I recognize You in the ordinary moments of life and trust that You assist me in my needs. Let my faith in You be proof enough for me.

(*) [Jn.21,1-14]

VIII Lord, through Your loving encounter with Peter on the Shore and Entrusting to Him the Responsibility to Shepherd Your Flock, may I always be faithful to the Church and

those called to Shepherd Your people. May I never forget that where there is Peter, there is the Church, and where there is the Church, there are You Who guide guard and protect us through our shepherds.

(*) [Jn.21: 15-17]

IX Lord, through Your loving encounter with Mary Your Mother after Your Glorious Resurrection, may I always foster a deep love and devotion for our Heavenly Mother. May I celebrate her exalted place in the mystery of our salvation, and confide in Her almighty intercession for all God's children.

(*) [Jn.20, Acts 1]

X Lord, You commanded Your followers to Go and Preach the Gospel to all Creation. May I be a living Gospel of peace and blessings to all that through my words and actions others may come to know, love and serve You.

(*) [Mt.28: 19-20]

XI Lord, through the Five "Signs" of a Christian, may I cast out the demons of addiction and inappropriate life; speak the language of love, joy and peace; be fearless before the serpents of hatred, jealousy and unfaithfulness, remain

unharmd by the poison of slander, injustice, sickness; be a healing touch for those who find life wearisome and lonely.

(*) [Mk.16: 17-18]

XII Lord, You Promised to Remain Always With Us. May I trust in Your Presence and find strength and courage in knowing that You are always with me, to guide, guard and protect me. (*) [Mt.28: 19-20]

XIII Lord, through Your Glorious Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father, may I look to the heavens for strength and protection as I confidently keep my feet well-grounded on earth, fulfilling whatever the Will of the Father entrusted to me for His glory, my salvation, and the good of others.

(*) [Jn.6:53; Mt.6:11]

XIV Lord, through Your Promise that Your Followers would be Baptized in the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all the world, may I be truly wise and always follow the Father's Will through the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in my life.

(*) [Act.1:4-8; 12-15]

XV Lord, through the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the

Early Christian Community gathered in the Upper Room together with Mary, may my heart burn with an inner fire of love and enthusiasm for the Faith, that in the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit, I may fearlessly proclaim that You are Jesus, Son of God, Lord and Savior, in Whose Name we find salvation.

(*) [Acts 2]

Lord Jesus, help me to walk with You each day of my life. The sorrow and joy, the pain and healing, the failures and triumphs of my life are small personal deaths and resurrections that lead me closer to You. Give me the faith and trust I need to walk with You in the new life Your Resurrection brings. May I journey with You to Calvary and beyond, that I may share in the fruits of Your Glorious Resurrection. With Padre Pio to accompany me, I patiently and joyfully confide and trust in You, my Lord and Risen Savior, in Whose Name I find salvation and eternal Life. You live forever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our most Blessed Mother, be with me always. You comforted Jesus on the road to Calvary by your silent and loving presence; you held his lifeless body close to your Immaculate Heart, as you offered the sadness and

suffering that only a mother can feel when she sees the suffering of her child; look on me as you looked at Jesus. Hold me close to your mother's heart in my moments of temptation and sin, that His marred image in my frail nature, may not succumb to temptation and sin. Pray for me that I may be a LIVING IMAGE OF JESUS alive and well in the heart of one who believes and loves Him...Dear Mother, You were a constant support and strength to our Father, Padre Pio throughout his lifelong Calvary, until he came to the promised reward offered all God's faithful children. Accompany me, that I also may share in the graces and joys of the Resurrection.

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, by a singular grace you were blessed to participate in the mystery of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through your ministry, God revealed the marvels of His mercy to numberless souls. Pray for me, that like you, and through your loving intercession, I may remain with Christ in His Passion so as to joyfully attain as you to the glory of the Resurrection. Intercede for me with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is God for ever. Amen.