



Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

On Easter Sunday, 1963, Saint Tugdual wrote a message based on a verse from the Acts of the Apostles: Tell the people the whole message about this Life [in Christ] (Acts 5:20). Saint Tugdual's Paschal message was a vehement invitation to be "living persons who communicate the Life, the only Life, which is Christ." For, he said, a Christian of "the spiritual Celtia" must bear witness by his life to the "superabundant life of God, the living and vivifying Absolute." All throughout Lent we have meditated and prayed upon Scripture so that we might enter more resolutely into a real conversion of the Absolute Love of which Saint Tugdual speaks. True Christian faith resides in the love revealed and given to the world by Christ; the Church must be, de facto and in truth, its visible manifestation.

The Lord Jesus gave us this injunction: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34). There is a clear difference between natural love, which is in the heart of fallen man, and the Love of God. When the Lord Jesus specifies, as I have loved you, that means to love your enemies, to bless those who curse you, to do good to those who hate you, and to pray for those who mistreat and persecute you. (cf. Mt 5:44)

This is precisely the Love that Christ's Passion and Resurrection restored to man and which we received by baptism. By truly living that Love we radiate it on the world and on all of creation. The world needs to rediscover this love. It's therefore not only a question of proclaiming it, but of truly living it by a total conversion of our life. That's why Saint Tugdual invites each member of the Church to be like "living persons" who communicate "the superabundant life of God, the living and vivifying Absolute."

Saint John assures us that the commandments of love are not burdensome (1 Jn 5:3) for those who love God, and it is without fear that we proclaim: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

I wish you all a Holy and Luminous feast of Christ's Resurrection as I give you my Apostolic Blessing.

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