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Dear Friends,

As we prepare to leave winter behind and embrace the beauty of spring; and as we move beyond the fasting of Lent and look forward to the joy of Easter, I offer you my heartfelt wishes for a blessed and happy celebration of the Resurrection.

This year brings us a convergence of sacred holidays. Our Muslim brothers and sisters are fasting from sunrise to sunset each day during the holy month of Ramadan. Our Jewish brothers and sisters will be celebrating the holy days of Passover next month and Eastern Orthodox Christians are continuing their Lenten journey toward Pascha.

These different commemorations and celebrations remind us of the diverse presence of God in creation, drawing us closer to one another, to the needs of those most vulnerable and marginalized, and to reflect upon our communal call to work for a more just world.

Our hearts and minds continue to turn to the Holy Land where people of all three faiths find deep attachment and meaning. We must continue to pray for an end to violence and suffering in Gaza and Israel with hope that a just peace will prevail. And let us not forget the people of Haiti as well.

May we continue to care for and cherish the blessings of God in our world, especially the gift of our global neighbors with whom we share our journey.

May we hear God's voice in our lives and may peace and love prevail in our troubled world.

I wish you every grace and blessing during the holy days that lie ahead of us. Thank you for all you continue to do for our beloved University.

Yours faithfully,

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President