

# LENT 2019



Dear Sisters,

**HAPPY LENTEN SEASON.** Yes, happy season of Lent because God returns for another year to give us an opportunity for conversion, and does not cease to be a source of joy in our littleness.

Happy Lenten season because we re-started a path that, without avoiding death, leads us to True Life. Thanks to the Resurrection of Christ that does not cease to be a source of hope in our miseries.

Happy Lenten season because before the temptations of living in black and white, God speaks to us in intense and lively colors, and offers us reconciliation. His Reconciliation is an instrument of conversion and change.

Sisters, let us propose to live these days of Lent, this path given from reconciliation. The world we are living, the reality that happens to us is broken, divided, fragmented, almost dead - if not completely - on Good Friday, hence the need to make this Lent happy because of reconciliation not from us, but from God who offers it to us each day.

Reconciliation with God, our Father, who with great love gives us his mercy at every moment. Reconciliation with those who do not stop reconciling eternally and faithfully with each of us.

Reconciliation with ourselves because, despite our miseries, our sin, our limitations, everything that is foolish and poor in ourselves, he has not stopped loving us for a single moment and, since he has made us kind people in his eyes and in the eyes of the rest of humanity, we cannot make ourselves hateful. It is necessary that during this Lent we make a small exercise of welcoming and reconciling ourselves, in order to be able to offer and give ourselves to humanity each day as Jesus, our Master, did.

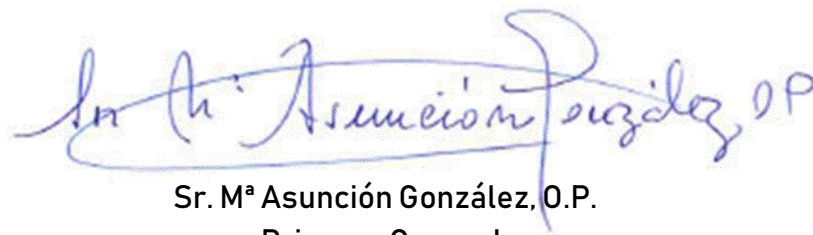
Reconcile with our immediate surroundings, create ever closer bonds of relationship and fraternity with our sisters in the community, with our families, with our workers, with all the people around us and, as we do so, let us love more, because only the Love received and offered is the one that will transform our daily life, passing from death to Life.

Reconcile with creation, with humanity and with nature and, therefore, live in coherence with so many suffering people, who lack the most necessary to live and

even their dignity. Trying to live these days that are given to us as the key of reconciliation helps us to fight, to collaborate in the task of transforming reality. It helps us to believe that his death made sense and that his wounds have healed us. That's why I dare to tell you and wish you "Happy Lenten Season."

Thank you, Lord, for giving us this precious stage that prepares us to live Easter, your Easter, your Resurrection.

A fraternal greeting... HAPPY EASTER OF THE RESURRECTION !!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sr. Mª Asunción González, O.P." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Sr. Mª Asunción González, O.P.  
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