

Dear Friends,

**"Christ is risen." "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"**. This Paschal Greeting, also known as the Easter Acclamation, is an Easter custom among many Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican and liturgical Protestant denominations. So I greet you with this Good News of this most glorious season.

**"We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song,"** is a well known quote of St. Augustine of Hippo in the uncertain times in which he lived. He added, "Let us sing here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries, so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free from all anxiety." How relevant this is to our present world situation!

So shout it from the rooftops, or from your heart! Because the victory is won! Life has overcome death, even COVID pandemics! We have seen glimpses of this new life in all the heroes who have sustained us during this crisis time. We give tribute to all who have suffered this past year.

And we give thanks for God's many blessings, including the gift you are in our lives!

Gratefully with prayer,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Nancy".

Sr. Nancy, OSC and all your Poor Clare Sisters