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Happy "Lockdown" Easter – Let's embrace it

Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing. ~Albert Laighton

Peace this Easter

Good Morning all CMR Friends and Colleagues

We are more than halfway through the official lockdown and the future seems to be very uncertain and bleak at this stage.

Few of us could think that worldwide people and ourselves would spend Easter this year at home. We have had many plans this weekend especially after a hectic first quarter of the year.

What now? The Lockdown is challenging, suddenly the social worker is not only doing her work from home, but is teaching her children online, cleaning, cooking etc. It feels as though your support system has vanished. We are missing our beloved, our families and friends.

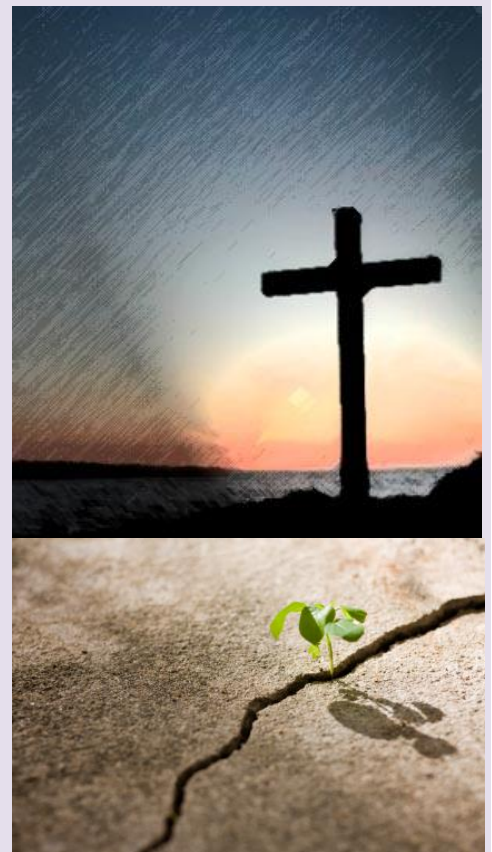
But resting and looking back on what Easter really means, is maybe just what we need. Ensure you embrace this period and realise what gift God has given us. Decide what to do with the time given to you.

Let's stay hopeful and positive and **"Live with impact."** We need to survive, continue and persevere - especially for those in need of us during these difficult times. Each of us must remember that he/she is in fact a hope constructor.

The expectancy of utter disaster for everyone is not real. Resilience after an adversity, being-able to recover your previous shape after you have been psychologically stretched, is possible and based on what you make of it.

What I'm really trying to say is that despite this hectic time and demands on various levels, we can return to a period of peace in Easter for us ahead, and I trust that everyone will experience a blessed Easter."

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Wat nou maak? Corona raak al ons dienste



Omdat ons direk met gesinne en kinders in nood werk, kan ons nie ons dienste opskort nie. Ons het goed beplan en personeel is almal beskikbaar op werksfone en epos adresse. Telefoniese konsultasies sal steeds plaasvind en baie persone maak ook gebruik van Whatsapp om te kommunikeer. Hierdie onbekende krisis stel eise aan mense op vele vlakke en die emosionele en geestelike welsyn van ons land se mense is van kardinale belang. Die personeel kan net uitgaan in noodsituasies en ons werk nou saam met ons netwerke soos die SAPS.

Hope reigns where people care

Ivory Park houses a community where there is dire need – housing is scarce, joblessness is common and many children live separated from their parents.

Social workers have rescued unknown children abandoned on pavements, with little hope of identifying the child and finding the parents. But dogged determination changed the life of one such a little child. The little one, who did not speak, made an impact on the social worker who left no stone unturned, and found the mother - who due to bad social circumstances and substance abuse, was not deemed fit to look after the child.

This labour of love led to the child being reunited with her father – and speaking her first words since having been found - making the efforts and hard work worth it for those who persevered.

CMR and National Social Work Day 17 March 2020

CMR staff celebrated the 2020 theme of Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships. Each staff member was given recognition for all their efforts by receiving a voucher.

CMR appreciates events like these. Like in any other field, it is always good to stay up-to-date with national and international trends. CMR strives to ensure effective and positive work in the field. Working with people is one of the most important aspects of our profession.



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