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Our Lady of the Chain

April 21, 1726

Alleluia!

My Dear Lady,

Oh! may our great God be ever blessed and praised that he has been pleased to have us reach the most solemn feast of the glorious Resurrection. Let us then sing in company of the Blessed Citizens: Alleluia – Praise the Lord! Oh! what a victorious word that is! This is the song of praise sung by the victorious citizens of paradise. Alleluia is not a sound found on earth; it is a hymn of paradise. To sing it one needs to be despoiled of one's old self and clothed with the new self, who is Jesus Christ, that is adorned with the holy virtues, for the acquiring of which our great and victorious Captain Jesus Christ paved the way. To him we sing Alleluia forever.

Ah, my Lady, I wish that we will sing this together forever in paradise. I hope for that. So as not to tire you, I wish you the holy peace of Jesus, our Good, as well as your husband, for whom I beg every good from the Divine Goodness, and for your son and all the household. Thanks be to God.

Your Illustrious Ladyship's humblest servant,

Paul Francis of the Poor of Jesus

My brother John Baptist joins me.

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This is a beautiful commentary on the word Alleluia. Paul is so identified with the memory of the Passion that we might easily neglect his devotion to the Resurrection.