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Brothers and Sisters,

Our last reflection, on the seventh week of Easter, includes a critical point on the mission of the Church: why do we exist? We exist so that, in Jesus Christ, all might be rescued and have abundant life, for the glory of the Father. This mission has been given to the Archdiocese of Denver to carry out in twenty-five counties in northern Colorado.

A critical question for us becomes, then: how well are we doing in accomplishing this mission? Are we ordering everything we do toward this? Especially in this apostolic moment, at the end of Christendom, this mission is encountering some unique challenges. How do we, then, undergo a “missionary conversion” as Pope Francis described it, so that we are more uniquely set up to do that which is our identity and purpose, to evangelize, in this new era?

These questions are pivotal to us right now and necessitate our attention, discernment and prayer. They require of every Catholic, first, a profound spiritual conversion through a fresh encounter with the living God, who alone can show us the way forward. St. Irenaeus said, “Like an architect he outlined the plan of salvation to those who sought to please him.” If we are seeking his will and to please him, I am confident that he will lead us every step of the way.

This Easter resource was meant to guide you in just such a renewed encounter with the risen Christ, that he might speak to all of us and that we would find refreshment in him throughout this powerful season. It has been intended to be our chance to connect with the Architect himself, and to let him converse with us, through Scripture and our own *lectio divina*.

I look forward to continuing to converse with you as we wrestle with these questions

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of how to best set up the Archdiocese of Denver for a time of apostolic mission. All of us are called to boldly engage in growing in holiness and mission and I look forward to continuing to share more with you on how we can all do that.

I hope that this practice of praying with Scripture will be something that will continue for you, in every season of life. Thank you for praying along with me in this time; It is a profound gift to be your Archbishop. I am grateful for your faithfulness to God. Know of my prayers for you and your families.

May God bless you abundantly,  
Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila