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Easter Message from Archbishop Philip Wilson, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

“The celebration of Easter every year is a reminder to us that Our Lord’s suffering, death and resurrection gives hope to the world.

“In the world today, violence seems to be on the increase and the possibility of peace seems ever more distant as the days go on.

“Everywhere we turn, senseless violence is influencing the lives of poor and innocent people and one can be tempted to think that in the midst of all this there is no way for us to make a difference.

“But at the same time, there is another message, another story and we see that exemplified in the lives of so many people who in the ordinary circumstances of their daily lives are peacemakers. People seeking reconciliation within their own family life, people seeking to make peace with others, people engaged in humanitarian works and charitable works.

“Such actions make the world a better place and are what the Lord requires from those who honour him in his death and resurrection. These actions are true to the power of His love which was revealed so clearly at His death and so resplendently at the moment of His resurrection.

“So while we wish everyone a very happy Easter and all its blessings, we must see it also as a call to us to belong to Christ, to renew our commitment to Him and to work for peace in the world.”

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