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Sunday of Divine Mercy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are refreshed with the Lord's mercy.

I am always encouraged by the mercy of the Risen Lord. When Jesus appeared on the day of the resurrection, Peter must have felt ashamed of his betrayal. But Christ surprised him with mercy. Jesus said nothing about Peter's denial and instead greeted him with mercy, saying "***Peace be with you.***" Peter must have been overwhelmed with feelings of humility, forgiveness, and joy. His own heart was inflamed with mercy.

As our hearts are refreshed with the power of the Resurrection, I am issuing a Pastoral Letter titled '**Be a Merciful Neighbor.**' I have written this letter as a resource to educate Catholics on the Church's teaching on immigration, and as an invitation to experience Christ's transformative love by standing in solidarity in this moment with our migrant sisters and brothers in Wyoming.

This situation is complex and people have strong opinions. I know the temptation in myself to react hastily to certain perspectives. So, I invite all of us to prayerfully reflect on the Pastoral Letter in a way that upholds the dignity of all, including those with varying perspectives. As Christians, our convictions should be rooted not in partisan positions but fidelity to Christ and his commandment: '***Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful***' (Lk 6:36). Inspired by the Good Samaritan, when we embrace the Church's call to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate those who migrate, we ourselves are transformed. In doing so, our community and our nation become more vibrant.

As one Catholic community in Wyoming, I invite all of us:

- *to listen* to those who are suffering, just as God listens with compassion,
- *to reflect* on Scripture and Church teaching and discern the way forward, and then
- *to act* with the mercy of Christ.

Let us listen to the stories of those who migrate, engage in respectful dialogue, participate in small group spiritual conversations on the Pastoral Letter, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit for those who migrate, public servants, the Church, and our nation.

The Pastoral Letter can be found on the diocesan website at <https://dcwy.org>.

May the Lord inflame our hearts with his mercy so that we will be merciful witnesses in the world.

Peace in Christ,

Bishop Steven Biegler