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My dear family and friends,

During this Easter season when we Christians remember and celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, we do so with a clearer conscience that we too participate in these events in a mystical way. That is, what goes on in our lives is not an exact copy of Jesus' journey, but a real one nonetheless, in our life story here and now, normally full of many small (or even large!) dyings that in the best of cases get transformed into welcome spiritual gleanings for our own good and for those near and dear to us.

I have been seeing some of you in person, and this has always been a delight, or I have been hearing from you through letters (yes, a few still ply this ancient art!), phone calls, emails, Facebook entries, or internet messages.

Several years have passed since I sat down to compose one of these "general" letters to keep you folks up to date on the doings in my life. So a summary: In January 2012, I returned from Mexico when we closed that mission after 69 years, and myself after 15 years there. I came here to Maryknoll to do a sabbatical experience for the better part of two years so as to learn the trade of writer, getting a diploma in "Creative Writing" from New York University in December 2013. I had been writing pieces for many years, but this time I was able to take on the self-conscious role of writer. This has made it possible for me to work assiduously at my mission in these autumn years of sharing the riches of my varied missionary life with one and all.

Some of you have been able to read pieces of my writing over these years, and it is now my intention to introduce you all to a new format for gaining access to my writings by way of the internet. Our personnel here at Maryknoll have created a website for me that anyone can open and read and access at will. Here it is:

[www.johnthepmartin.com](http://www.johnthepmartin.com). It is still under construction, but much material is now available. If you have any material, photos or comments, please pass them on to me for inclusion on the website.

In these six years, I have been able to publish six books that are described on the website. Briefly, they are a book of my analysis of the Bengali Language, whose introduction alone will interest some of you. Four books that are compilations of previous letters, chronicles, articles and essays: first is a compilation of my general letters since 1967, then of my writings during my three years in India (1991-1994), then of personal essays on a variety of topics, and the latest, of my writings in Spanish. These compilations preserve the original texts, to which I have added annotations and explanations for your reading pleasure. So far only the latest one in Spanish also contains dozens of photos to illustrate the texts. If you are interested in a copy of any of my writings, do let me know, so as to send it to you by email or mail. Last but not least is my memoir, entitled: "A Transformative Journey, Out, Beyond, and Back: My evolving Relationship with Tradition.", also illustrated with photos and a brilliant cover. It is available already both as a book on demand or as an ebook for your reader. Details are on the website.

I am excited about this new channel for communication between us and look forward to hearing your comments about it.

IntheSpirit of Jesus, John P. Martin