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**Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Assistant Vicars, Priests of the locality, Cor-Episcopi, Ramban, Deacons, and faithful of our Diocese,**

**Dearly Beloved,**

As we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, we behold the great mystery of God's love revealed in humility. The eternal Word of God chose not the splendor of palaces, but the lowliness of a manger. Though He was rich, for our sake He became poor, so that through His poverty we might become rich in grace. In this divine humility, Christ invites us to share generously with the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten, seeing in them the very face of our Lord.

The birth of Christ proclaims God's message of **peace and goodwill to all humanity**. The angels' song over Bethlehem continues to echo through the ages: peace is God's gift, and we are called to become its living witnesses in a world wounded by division, hatred, and fear.

Dearly beloved, this holy season, let us turn away from sin and renew our hearts in repentance and faith. Let us prepare a dwelling place for Christ by keeping our hearts warm with prayer, forgiveness, humility, and love. As the gentle light of the newborn Christ illumined the darkness of the night, may His presence dispel the darkness within us and guide us on the path of righteousness and in the new year to come. Let us remember the words of the Holy Scripture: *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* **Isaiah 9:6**

May the peace of the newborn Savior reign in your homes, may His joy fill your hearts, and may His love inspire you to serve one another, especially the poor and the suffering. Wish you a blessed Christmas and a graceful new year.

May the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship and Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us forever and ever.

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