



Wednesday, February 25, 2014

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! It is my pleasure to greet you once again as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Each of us is familiar with the story of the first Christmas and the inn keeper's response to Joseph, who sought a warm place for his wife, Mary, who was about to give birth to their Son. Instead of opening his home to the couple, the inn keeper offered only his stable; there was no room at the inn.

I'd ask you to join me in vowing this Christmas to make room for the Lord. Make room for Him in your everyday life, in your actions, and in your heart and mind.

As Catholics we make room for Jesus through daily [prayer](#) and by receiving His Body & Blood at [Mass](#). We make room for Jesus through the [Sacrament of Reconciliation](#) and by performing [acts of love and kindness](#) on behalf of those in need. We make room for Jesus by reaching out and welcoming home those who no longer practice the faith.

By making room in your life for God, the Author of all creation, your life will be abundantly blessed as you experience the fullness of God's love.

I pray you and your family will have an opportunity to attend Mass together this Christmas. You are most welcome to join me for the [10 PM Mass at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen](#) on Christmas Eve.

Be assured of my prayers for you and those you love this Christmas and may you have a safe and blessed New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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