



Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Dear Friend in Christ,

With Thanksgiving and Advent nearly upon us, I write to assure you of my prayers for you and your family and to thank you for all that you do to lift up the Kingdom of God here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

I write also to share some information that I pray will be helpful to you and your family as you prepare yourselves for Christmas and as you take part in the upcoming [Year of Mercy](#) proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis.



Advent prayers and other resources can be found at www.archbalt.org and information about the Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, including the locations of our Holy Doors, can be found at www.archbalt.org/about-us/year-of-mercy.cfm.

Finally, I wish to share information about some exciting ways in which we hope to communicate with you in an effort to make it easier for you to remain connected to your parish, the Archdiocese, and to Pope Francis.



In recent days you should have received a copy of the new Catholic Review monthly magazine. If you're a registered parishioner, you'll receive the magazine four times a year by mail; the other eight months of the year you can pick up the magazine at your parish when you go to Mass. This magazine replaces the traditional Catholic Review newspaper and is the "anchor" of a new communications plan that we hope will help people more closely connect to the Church and to a life of faith.

From print to digital and mobile, the Church needs to use these and other means to communicate with its people, and to share a message that is informative, but also relevant and inspiring. That's the goal of our new communications plan.

In addition to reading our new magazine, I invite you to sign up for our free e-newsletter so that you can stay informed about what's going on in the

church - in Maryland and around the world - in between monthly editions of the magazine. This is a great way to stay connected to your faith throughout the week, with thoughts from Pope Francis and other useful news and features. Signing up is easy and will enable you to also receive breaking news in the Church. You can discontinue the emails at any time should you wish to do so.

For more information on the new Catholic Review and ways to get connected to your parish, visit aobmoreconnected.org.

Please continue to pray for our Archdiocese and for our communications ministry, that we can all be well informed missionary disciples. May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving and Advent. And may the upcoming Year of Mercy be a time of grace for the people of God of our local Church and for those we are blessed to serve.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ William E. Lori".

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