



*Dear priests, deacons, religious and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface,*

*Christmas Season is at hand! At this time of the year, all of us will have the opportunity to receive guests in our homes and our churches. May we welcome family and friends, strangers or the poor, in a manner that witnesses to our welcome of Christ into our hearts and our lives. He comes, sharing our humanity, to fill it with His love. In the same way, let us share His kindness, His joy and His peace with all those we will meet this Christmas.*

*The first Synod on the Family took place in 2014; next year, there will be a second Synod on the same topic. As we celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ into Mary and Joseph's family, let us take time to give thanks for our own family life and encourage each other in it. Let us lead our families along the pathways of love, compassion, forgiveness, mutual support and tenderness.*

*In this spirit, I offer you my warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas. May all your celebrations be filled with joy and peace, and may you and your families receive abundant blessings in the New Year.*

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