



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

*Once again we celebrate the mystery of Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation, the Mystery of God who loves us so much that he sent his Son to share our humanity. In becoming one with us, Jesus shows us the way to be one with God and one with one another.*

*The Christmas season is filled with many traditions; we look forward to experiencing once more that which has often touched our hearts in the past: family gatherings, festive meals, gift-giving, Christmas carols, the joy on children's faces. And yet each Christmas can also bring something new – an ever greater realisation of the depth of God's incredible love and an ever greater desire to live each day and each relationship as a sharing of that love made flesh in Christ the Emmanuel.*

*This year we celebrate Christmas within the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Jesus, the face of God's mercy, calls us in turn to look upon the poor, the suffering and the oppressed of the world with the same compassionate look that the heavenly Father has upon us. "Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful" (Luke 6: 36). May the joy of this Christmas be a joy for all people!*

*In this spirit, I offer you my warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas. May all your celebrations be filled with joy and peace!*

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