



*"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:11-12)*

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)*

*Brothers,*

*Jesus comes this Christmas to offer a new world in which peace, joy, brotherhood, and love await us. On this occasion, I express the wish that our faith remains active, that our hope perseveres, and that our daily life becomes prophetic.*

*May each of us welcome the Word more warmly throughout the New Year 2013, bringing alive within our own surroundings the compassion of the Child Jesus. May we celebrate the salvation of God and commit ourselves to building communities gathered in the Lord for the service of the Kingdom, especially among children and youth in need and all those whose lives are marked by bereavement, sadness, loneliness, and other trials.*

*May the light of Christmas shine in the world through our witness.*

*My thoughts go to each of the brothers and partners in mission in various countries who, with conviction and devotion, work to make our mission prophetic.*

*To all I wish happy holidays and the Lord's joy and peace in 2013.*

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