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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Advent season wraps us in its spirit of anticipation and profound reflection, and as Christmas quickly approaches, I am filled with joy and gratitude in this time of preparation and renewal.

I am pleased you have found this site, and I encourage you to use this as both a holiday greeting and an invitation to embark on a significant journey together. The real joy of this season is the renewal we experience as we revisit the Scripture passages detailing the awe-inspiring events that transpired more than 2000 years ago.

We are blessed to approach a truly extraordinary occasion—the 2025 Jubilee: Year of Hope. The Holy Father has bestowed upon the entire church this wonderful opportunity to rediscover and profoundly express our hope in Christ.

As you gather with loved ones this Christmas, may the birth of Jesus inspire you with peace and unwavering hope. May we open our hearts to embrace the changes ahead, emboldened by our trust in God's promises.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and a hopeful New Year. Let's journey together, letting the light of Christ guide us through this Year of Hope.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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