



## Office of the Bishop

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Christmas 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*“Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people.”*  
(Lk 2:10)

Once again, we celebrate the great feast of Christmas. From angelic heights to a simple stable, God comes to us, to be one of us, to be one with us, to share our life, our sorrows and our joys.

The angel’s words to Mary are meant to echo in our own hearts and souls, despite the pandemic, despite the public health restrictions, despite anything that wants to take away the joy, love and peace that the Christ child brings.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, may you always have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love!

God bless each and every one of you -

✠ Gregory J Bittman  
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