

The Bishop's Christmas Message



I AM very happy indeed to use the columns of the Catholic Courier to extend to all its readers my cordial Christmas Greetings and heartfelt best wishes for the New Year. I would like to think that through this channel my message will enter every Catholic home in the diocese and reach all the members of every Catholic family.

YOUR faith gives us the real meaning of Christmas and puts a soul into the traditional manifestations of joy and good cheer that mark its celebration. In the view of faith Christmas signals a closer union of man to God through Christ. The Son of God became man to make us all sons of God—and therefore brothers one to another in Christ.

MAY prayerful thought on this mystery of divine love draw us all closer to God on this Christmas Day and may the good will it calls for and stirs up move each of us to be in truth a brother to some one who needs a brother's help.

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