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## 'What a Wondrous Mystery!'

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My dear people:

The Advent Season's spirit of anticipation has heightened into the celebration of the Christmas mystery. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes one with the people God has created! What a wondrous mystery! What a marvelous message!

As I celebrate my sixth Christmas in the Diocese of Rochester, I am more fully aware of the many ways that Jesus continues to be born in the hearts and lives of our people. The many outreach programs supported by myriad numbers of people are a true sign of Christian care and concern. The renewed spirit of prayer and reflection speak of the on-going nature of growth in the mystery of Christ. The timeless message of the Gospel proclaimed in so many churches, homes, places of work, schools, streets and alleyways speak of the genuineness of our mission — the mission begun in the mystery of the Incarnation.

As we gather to celebrate another Christmas, my sincere wish for holiness, happiness and peace go out to you and your loved ones. As we raise our voices in song and prayer, telling the ageless story of the Savior's Birth, my prayer is that He will continue to fill and renew your lives.

Let this Christmas, rich with its traditions and remembrances, fill your lives. Let us be one in proclaiming to all the world: Today is born a Savior, Christ the Lord!

With prayerful best wishes,  
I remain

Your brother in Christ,

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