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## Editorial Hope, Joy and Peace of Christmas!

A distinctive vibe permeates the air around us in December. Yes! The Christmas holiday and the New Year's celebration that follows are much anticipated. Christmas is unique because of the joy and hope it inspires. The Promised Land is what the birth of Christ makes us think of, giving life momentum and joy. Every year on December 25, the entire globe observes Christmas to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ.

The perfect time to send our family, friends, and connections greetings is right now. To share with everyone on this Christmas Day, here is a compilation of holiday greetings and messages.

May you spend this graceful season with the people you care about, celebrating the virtues of appreciation and charity. May the joy and calm of the holiday season flood your home. I'm sending my love to your family and am eagerly anticipating the day we will meet you again. Stay safe and take care of one another.

May the Christmas spirit of peace and pleasure surround you now and in the coming year. A very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from our family to yours. We are aware that the previous year has been extremely trying for you, and we wish that the

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upcoming year will bring your family more stable times. All of our love and best wishes are sent for happier times ahead.

So we can wish one another a Merry Christmas filled with joy, laughter, and goodwill. And may the coming year be filled with happiness and fulfilment. Merry Christmas to you! Let us enjoy this Christmas season to the fullest and be thankful. Grace-filled Holidays to you and your loved ones!

Christmas is a time for gathering with loved ones and enjoying yourself. I hope you have lovely memories of this.

We hope and pray that this Christmas brings you new hope, optimism, joy, and delight. Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year to you and your loved ones!

We hope and pray that this Christmas brings you new hope, optimism, joy, and delight. Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year to you and your loved ones! May the proximity of your family, friends, and loved ones bring you joy. We hope the wonder, surprises, and fun of your Christmas celebrations is abundant!

May God's blessings of goodness and joy be upon you and your family.

Graceful Holidays and Meaningful Celebrations! May war and violence, especially in Ukraine, give way to peace and joy. May depression give way to hope! May sadness give way to joy in abundance!

This issue of the journal remembers gratefully Rev Fr Ornellas Coutinho, SJ, former rector, Papal Seminary, who passed away recently! May his life be an inspiration for all of us!



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