

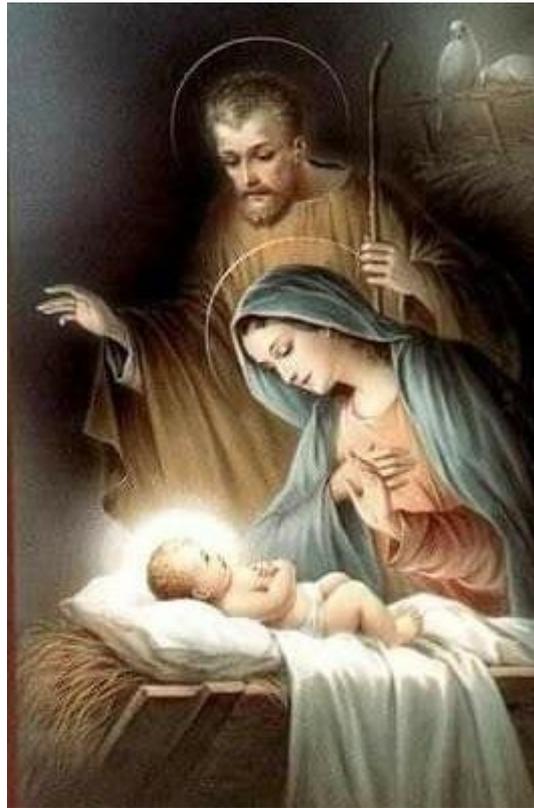
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace and all Good!

On this Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 40th anniversary of the ratification of the Rule and Life of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis by Pope St. John Paul II, I wish you the peace and joy of this sacred season.

At the Mass on the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis challenged us in stating, *“Let us light candles of hope in the midst of darkness. Amid dramatic situations, let us seize opportunities to bear witness to the Gospel of joy and to build a more fraternal world.”*



As followers of St. Francis, this message should resonate well with our living out of the rule and the charisms of our congregations. We are indeed called to be bearers of hope and witnesses of joy as we live in fraternity within the world which more than ever is in need of hope, peace and joy.

As you continue on your Advent journey may Christ’s love fill your hearts to overflowing so that you in turn may fill the lives of those around you.

May your Christmas be truly blessed with all good!



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