



Within themselves,
let them always
make a dwelling place
and home for the one
who is Lord God almighty,
Father and Son and Holy Spirit,
so that, with undivided hearts,
they may increase in universal love
by continually turning to God
and to neighbor. TOR Rule 8



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

December 2021

As we approach the celebration of Christmas,
the wonder of the Incarnation,
the dazzling light of our God-with-us,
what words or emotions can express our love,
our faith experience?
Francis knew better than we
how to reach out and touch a heart,
quicken a spirit,
experience unity
with a heart undivided.

Francis wanted everyone and all creation
to know and to experience that in the heart of God.
He dreamt of a celebration in Greccio where
“...*Simplicity was honored,
Poverty exalted,
Humility commended;*
and of Greccio there was made as it were a new Bethlehem...
The people came,
and at the new Mystery rejoiced with new rejoicing...
The Saint of God stood before the manger,
full of sighs, overcome with tenderness
and filled with wondrous joy.” 1 Celano 85

In these days we pray for
the eyes to behold God-with-us,
an undivided heart to respond in compassion,
untiring hands to work for peace.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,
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Sr. Dolores CANEO
Sr. Joanne BRAZINSKI
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We pray as we prepare for our General
Assembly in May:

Highest, brightest God,
Enlighten the darkness of our hearts.
Give us a faith that leads on,
A hope that carries through everything,
A love that excludes no one and
nothing.
Let us feel, Lord, who you are,
and realize how we are fulfilling your
mission.