

Christmas 2020



Icona bizantina della Natività

*Puer natus est nobis,
et filius datus est nobis.
Cantate Domino canticum novum,
quia mirabilia fecit.*

*For to us a child is born,
unto us a son is given.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
For He has done marvelous things.*

In this year so difficult and painful it is so hard for me to find the right words for the upcoming Christmas.

We are still in the pandemic: many of us have closely experienced the disease and the concerns it has brought up. We missed our meetings a lot. We missed the hugs, the games, the songs, the prayers, the summer camps, and everything we do in Faith and Light. The online meetings, the small appointments, the calls are not enough to compensate our desire to be a community and to live moments together.

We tried to be #ViciniADistanza (CloseAtDistance), but now we start to feel tired and discouraged. Pope Francis few days ago said: "Christmas holidays reminds us that Jesus is our peace, our joy, our strength, our consolation. But in order to achieve these gifts of grace, we have to feel small, poor and humble, like the characters of the crib". With this spirit let's try to live this Christmas time. We will spend more time with our family at home, but I am sure we will find a way to be in communion with one another, even with our friends living in institutes or foster homes, with whom it is more difficult to be in touch. And let us try to let them feel our love and our closeness, particularly to those who might feel more alone.

I wish the Child Jesus could give us -this year more than ever- the strength to overcome these hard times and the hope to resume soon our ordinary life, also in Faith and Light. We have much to recover and hopefully we will do it soon, as soon as possible.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas. You all are in my heart.

A virtual hug to you all while waiting for the chance to hug you in person.

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