



# fede e luce

Meglio accendere una luce che maledire l'oscurità



**Christmas 2020**

*Milan, December 13rd, 2020, Santa Lucia.  
(the Saint of the eyes, may she give us a look of Light)*

Dear friends, welcome to everyone, it is difficult to write this year.

Each of us and our communities have gone through a year marked by this terrible pandemic, by the fatigue of being able to see each other only by electronic displays and not in person, by loneliness, by work problems, some communities and families even by death, by the pain of the sad story of Jean. But for this reason my thoughts go to the crib, to Jesus who bursts right into 2020 and is born Lord of my life.

*The angel tells the shepherds «Do not be afraid!  
I bring you good news, which will bring joy to all the people.  
Today in the city of David your Savior, The Christ, The Lord is born You will recognize him  
like this: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger»*

### **This announcement is for us, for each of us.**

We are the people to whom this announcement brings joy, we with our efforts, our doubts, our fear, our daily life. The Savior is born who saves our lives, who can be Lord of my life.

### **But in what sense does the birth of Jesus save me?**

God incarnates himself in a child in the manger, God, the Almighty, reveals himself in fragility and smallness.

And then God becomes close to my life, it is in my littleness and fragility that the presence of God the Savior can manifest itself, then God is no longer far away, he became Man, he became incarnate to save me.

The eating house prefigures the Cross, death on the cross for our Salvation, for my Salvation ..

When we hold the baby Jesus in our hands at the blessing of the cribs, when we send the crib in the gesture that the Province has proposed, it is this great mystery that we contemplate.

Against evil, fear, disease, death we are not alone because the bond with Jesus can transform our life.

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We have a great ally who has loved Faith and Light since her birth in Lourdes in 1971: Mary. In the crib, in her daily life as a mother and a woman, she meditates on the great mystery of her son Jesus and the events that occur at his birth.

So I invite everyone, friends, children, parents, communities to look at the crib in this period and meditate, like Mary, that Jesus was born to save us and this is our certainty.

The eyes and the heart go to the cribs that I saw last year in the Holy Land, where with the communities of Galilee I experienced encounters with the mystery of the birth of Jesus in his land.

I entrust each of you to Jesus who is born, so that the bond with him nourishes your life.

And I hope that our communities, our families, our life will be a place where you can breathe joy, with Jesus at the center.

Happy Christmas to each of you and a big big hug.

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