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Child  
is Born*

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## Christmas 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

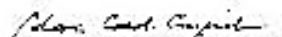
Each one of us carries treasured memories of joyous Christmas celebrations. This year, the Christmas we are about to celebrate will be different. Because of the pandemic and the changes at work in our society, this season will no doubt have a more somber and restrained tone. And yet the very heart of our Christmas celebration does not change and, indeed, may be more important than ever.

To celebrate the birth of Jesus summons us to remember that the Word became flesh. In Jesus, God became one with us in all things but sin. In Jesus, God understands the joy and grief of our human condition from the inside. The great blessing of Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us—the blessed assurance that God walks with us on our joyful and challenging life journey.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all sisters and brothers to each other, ultimately linked together in Jesus Christ who is Son of God and Son of Mary. As brothers and sisters, let us hold each other in the mystery of the Word made flesh. Let us pray for each other. I will certainly remember you, and I ask you to remember me. And although this may be a different kind of Christmas, it may also be one of the most meaningful.

God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe in his providential love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
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Carta de Navidad 2020

Estimadas hermanas y hermanos en Cristo:

Cada uno de nosotros atesora recuerdos de celebraciones de Navidad alegres. Este año, la Navidad que estamos a punto de celebrar será diferente. Debido a la pandemia y los cambios que se están produciendo en nuestra sociedad, esta temporada sin duda tendrá un tono más sombrío y restringido. Y sin embargo, el corazón mismo de nuestra celebración de Navidad no cambia y, de hecho, es quizá más importante que nunca.

Celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús nos convoca a recordar que la Palabra se hizo carne. En Jesús, Dios se hizo uno con nosotros en todas las cosas menos el pecado. En Jesús, Dios entiende la alegría y dolor de nuestra condición humana desde adentro. La gran bendición de la Navidad es Jesús, Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros: la seguridad bendita de que Dios camina con nosotros en nuestra alegre y desafiante travesía de vida.

En su encíclica reciente, *Fratelli tutti*, el papa Francisco nos recuerda que todos somos hermanas y hermanos unos de otros, unidos en última instancia en Jesucristo, quien es Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María. Como hermanos y hermanas, abracémonos unos a otros en el misterio de la Palabra hecha carne. Oremos unos por otros. Ciertamente los recordaré y les pido que me recuerden a mí. Y aunque este puede ser un tipo de Navidad diferente, también puede ser una de las más significativas.

Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus seres queridos y los mantenga seguros en su amor providencial.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

*Blase Cardinal Cupic*  
Arzobispo de Chicago



**Those who are ill...**

Gladys Cruz, Elida Diaz, Jesus Paz,  
Renee Pletsch,

Socorro Martinez Rodriguez, Guillermo Torres

**Those who serve our country...**

Patrick Brice, Ryan Danielian,  
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

Saturday	December 19, 2020 Christopher Moxley
Sunday	December 20, 2020 Mrs. Eileen Demos
Monday	December 21, 2020 Fran Pletsch
Tuesday	December 22, 2020 Herb Bell
Wednesday	December 23, 2020 Paul Hernandez
Thursday	December 24, 2020 Jeanne Magold
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