

# Merry Christmas 2019



Christmas Greetings  
from Father General  
and the Leadership  
Team

Dear Confreres, Sisters, Lay Mission Partners, Benefactors, and Friends,

The central message of Christmas is: "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1: 14). In Jesus, God pitches his tent in the world and history, and welcomes us to stay with and in God.

The dwelling of the Lord among us gives a divine quality to our living together. God shares with us our human reality, and we are given the grace to be God's daughters and sons.

Because the Lord dwells among us, we are called and empowered to make our Church, our families and communities welcoming places where everyone feels accepted and supported, loved and forgiven.

Because the Lord dwells among us, our nature becomes a shared home, a home that shall nourish everyone, and for which everyone is responsible.

Because the Lord dwells among us, we are motivated to be more faithful to God's Word, and one with the people. Let us place the Word of God at the center of our life and mission, and put the last first.

This Christmas, God invites us to renewal and transformation in the spirit of the Word made flesh-the Redeemer. Through this celebration of Christmas, may God renew our hearts and fill us with joy.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden and the Leadership Team