

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Peter Canisius once wrote: "Never was a whimpering bit of humanity so powerful that, while lying on His bed of straw, He could command the very stars to direct whom He wished to visit Him.... Never a child so wise or so rich as this little Infant who was full of grace and incarnate truth. Never anyone so marvelous as to be at once so small and so great, true God and true Man, the Uncreated Word and weak human flesh, mighty King and a lowly slave. Never had any child so emptied himself of all that he really was in order to become a tiny, speechless, naked, unknown babe.... Christmas Day is nothing if not a day of universal joy.... All faithful Christians should rejoice that their Creator and Lord has taken on human flesh and begun His reign over the hearts of men, not only as God, but also as the Son of Man among the children of men."

On behalf of the entire pastoral team at Our Lady of the Airways Parish - Fr. Canisius Raj, Enza Lamberti and Mike Caslin - I pray that the loving peace and joy emanating from the Infant Child Jesus may be upon you and your loved ones. Merry Christmas everyone!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*