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"Lay Salettes - Called and sent - The joy of Reconciliation"

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Dear La Salette Laity!

As I write this, the national and international news broadcasts show us an extremely difficult situation, in different areas, in the economy, social and, mainly, in the health one, with the apparition of a new variant of Covid-19.

We pray God will inspire wise decisions in our government authorities so that the suffering of all may be attenuated.

Read and share the new Bulletin No. 2. Until next time.



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the Lay Salettes.

We are living in the time of Advent, a time of hope, a time of reflection, a time to review our personal promises and decisions. But above all, a time of preparation for the great Celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ!



Our God became flesh and lived among us for thirty-three years. As a human, he went through all our difficulties and anxieties. He had all our emotions, he cried, he laughed, he felt fear, heat and cold. At no time did he use his "god" condition to free himself from suffering.

Born at a difficult time, the Jewish people were under the rule of the Roman Empire. Throughout their history, Jews had never suffered so much exploitation, especially in the economic area. The people awaited the coming of the Messiah...

And he arrived! Not like a king or like a mighty general leading a great army that could drive out the Romans. He was born in the smallest of the cities of Judea; he was born in Bethlehem, where Joseph and Mary had traveled to accomplish with the census imposed by the authorities of that time.

They took shelter in a room, where some animals gathered at night. "The mother gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them"

The baby Jesus was visited by sage men from distant places, he was visited by shepherds and by angels who rejoiced, giving glory to God.

During my reflections, I like to imagine the scene: the first cry, the first gestures, the Mother's joy, and Joseph's thoughts: what will I do with this boy, with this grace that God has placed in our family?

An uncertain future awaited the Holy Family. They went to the Temple, where they presented their firstborn. The boy was circumcised, and then the family went to take refuge in Egypt, to escape from the hatred and the evil decision of Herod, so called the Great.

Christmas is when we reflect on these events. That's when we stop to observe our lives. What are we doing that is of good use? What proposals do we have? Which God do we serve? The God of love or the gods of material treasures?. Think about it. Happy Christmas everyone.

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Beginning Saturday, January 8th, 2022 – we will resume the International Rosary, with the intention of the 3rd. International Meeting of La Salette Laity, which will take place between October 1st and 9th, 2022, in La Salette Mountain, France. The theme of the Meeting: "La Salette Laity – Called and Sent – The Joy of Reconciliation. In the next few days we will be sharing the International Rosary calendar, from January to September of next year.

The Organizing Committee of the 3rd. International summit of La Salette Laity will soon have a virtual meeting to analyze the proposals sent by the various National Coordinators of La Salette Laity.