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the KINGDOM of GOD

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Dear friends of Saint Joseph,

It seems that life is made of times of waiting. We wait in line at the store, we wait in traffic, we wait for our online orders to arrive... When I was a child, waiting for Christmas seemed like an unending time. I imagine that is what most children are experiencing even these days. As I became older, I discovered that, although there is a lot of joy the day of Christmas, there can be a lot of joy in the waiting too. If we rely only on the excitement of the day, we miss out on so many opportunities to rejoice. And what if that day is not joyful anymore because of tragedy or relationships gone badly? There are even those who anticipate Christmas day with sadness because of past experiences or the fear of what could happen.

Whatever happened, whatever happens, God wants to meet us there, like on that first night in Bethlehem where He offered His son as a new born child. The lengths He went through just so we can feel His personal touch, included and loved, is amazing.

Through all the bustle of preparations we are invited during Advent to look around at what God is doing discreetly, so close to us. We are even invited to participate in so many ways: liturgically, in our sharing, in our giving and in our welcoming of others the way He does with us. Let us not miss this opportunity!

I'm looking forward to being all together around his crib on Christmas.

Charles Duval, C.Ss.R.



Wishing you peace, joy and God's blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

The Parish Staff