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ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER TO THE PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN AND THE LAY FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE

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“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...”

(Jn. 1;14).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Gradually we are drawing the curtains of this year as we awaken to the dawn of a new liturgical year; a gift of God and a manifestation of his ever-abiding presence with us. As we enter this period of Advent leading to Christmas, the words of the angel, “Emmanuel” (God is with us) (Mtt. 1:23), would not only be made visible but should be seen to be the guiding hand in our lives; directing, transforming, reconciling, healing (Is 11:1-10) and penetrating our inmost hearts drawing us to love (Heb 4:7).

This intervention of God is needed most especially in our Marriages and Christian families which serve as the foundation for the reception and nurturing of the Christian faith (*Familiaris Consortio* no. 2).

1. CHRISTMAS AS A FAMILY FEAST

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (Jn,1,14). When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, he made his home with