

and this life was the light of the human race» (John 1:4)

Dear brothers,

May the joy of Jesus' birth dispel our doubts and encourage us to journey towards Bethlehem, the "city of bread".

It is here that we meet the shepherds and the Magi, the humanity that still reaches out in many ways today. Right before Baby Jesus, we understand the beauty of our life, always being renewed in the Son. Already in Bethlehem, we see the deepest meaning of our mission, aimed at giving - with personal testimony and ever new languages of communication - the one who reveals the face of the merciful Father.

May Mary and Joseph help us to live this Christmas in simplicity and care for those who feel alone and fragile, making ourselves first a gift for them.

A holy Christmas and a New Year full of hope!

Fraternally,

Don Domenico Soliman Superiore General