

Christmas 2018



Dear colleagues in our apostolate works, dear friends of our School Association,

With this letter, I would like to wish all of you a happy and blessed Christmas!

"Signposts in my life - being a signpost myself" is the motto of this working year. In preparation for Christmas, the

story of the Magi, the wise men from the East comes to my mind. They followed the signpost in heaven, the Star in the sky, and thus found the way to the manger and the Savior of the world.

These astrologers are people who are open to new things, people who have yearnings. They look upwards, they see the Star in dark hours, and they set out and follow the light. They also endure in times of difficulty until they reach their goal.

For us, too, God sends signposts to give direction in our lives. I think every one of us has already experienced this inner light in our lives, listened to this often quiet voice, which gives us the assurance of being led and guided. This Star can be a Scripture reading, a word of wisdom from a loved one, a call from someone in need, a situation in which we find ourselves, a good book, a painful cleft in life, an unexpected experience of God's presence in our life through the beauty of nature or selflessly given love.

The gift of Christmas makes it clear to us that we, too, can be signposts to others on the way to the Nativity scene. For this to happen, we must first let ourselves be touched by the mystery of the Incarnation. Out of love for us, the Eternal, Almighty, Supreme Lord and God, the Creator of the universe and all that is in it, became a mortal man, a helpless Child.

Those who are captivated by this message share it with others, and inspire them to approach, kneel before and worship this helpless Child, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, the Wise Men of the East, and the angels of heaven.

I wish all of us a profound experience of Christmas.

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