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Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and upstate New York:

Greetings in this blessed season of the Nativity of Christ! I share with you an excerpt from *St. Macarius the Great*:

Today the Lord is born, the life and salvation of mankind; today a reconciliation is made of Divinity to humanity, and of humanity to Divinity; today all creation has leapt for joy; those above sent toward those below; and those below towards those above; today occurred the death of darkness and the life of humanity; today a way was made toward God for man and a way for God into the soul.

We celebrate Christmas this year amidst worldwide problems of violence and economic hardships and pray that God may provide for everyone from His abundant riches and save the world from wars and evil. Let us also pray for the preservation of the Holy Church and for universal peace.

On this great joyous occasion of the Feast of the Nativity, it is my pleasure to wish you all the blessings of the Mystery of the Incarnation, a mystery which reveals God's love for us. May you and all your loved ones have a Blessed Nativity and a healthy and spiritually enriching New Year!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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