

Merry Christmas

Dear all Marists, friends and benefactors,
Blessings of peace and joy!

As we commemorate the birth of our Savior, let me greet each of you a Joyful Christmas.

Christmas is one of the most beautiful events of the year. It is a time when we remember, celebrate and rejoice of the wonderful act God has done for us: *sending his Son into the world in love and become one of us.*

The presence of Jesus reminds us that God wants to be near to us as much as possible and to journey with us towards life to the Kingdom. His birth at the manger calls us to humility and help us to appreciate the little threads of comfort in the midst of darkness, inconveniences and struggles of life. His birth calls us to recognize the 'least, the lost and the last' in our midst and concretely give them love, hope, mercy and joy.

You, our Marist friends and benefactors help us to enliven this birth of Jesus in our daily lives and most especially in the various works that we do. We are truly grateful and blessed because of your untiring support and generosity which enable us to live and do our work with joy and courage and enable us to be supported in all aspect of our lives. We thank God and our mother for the assistance you give to us, spiritually, morally and financially. We could not stop thanking you all this year 2018. As we look forward together to 2019, with hope and positive expectations, let the new born Child bless and lead us on his Way to continue the good works we have begun.

Let your hearts be filled with the presence of Christ, our Saviour who became man to be one with us and to bring us fullness of life.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New year to each of you.

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