

Christmas 2020

*"The Lord hath said to me:
Thou art my son, this day
have I begotten thee."*

"Dominus dixit ad me:

Filius meus es tu; ego hodie genui te."

(Psalms 2:7)



Dear Friends of the Fraternity,

Those of us who pray the Divine Office or read the Psalms regularly encounter the above verse many times throughout the year. If you have the privilege of assisting at a traditional sung Midnight Mass this Christmas, you'll hear the choir sing these words—to a very simple chant melody—in the Introit.

Why so humble a melody for such an important feast? Perhaps the tune is meant to depict the humility and meekness of the Infant Who arrived on this night. Let us not forget that Our Lord did not merely take on the appearance of an infant—He took on human flesh, fully and completely, and was small and weak at His birth.

Our Lord surely foresaw that His arrival would meet with opposition (Psalm 2 also tells us that "the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things"). He very well might have chosen to come into the world as a mighty warrior or rich king. Instead, He chose to reject worldly power and give us an example of supreme humility—even though, being God, He has no need for this virtue. Surely, then, we sinners can embrace His example and strive for humility, at Christmas and always.

As we stand in awe of Our Lord's humility, the priests at our North American Headquarters will celebrate a Novena of Masses from December 17-25. These nine Masses will be offered for benefactors like you, your family, and your friends.

Please use the enclosed form to enroll your loved ones, whether they are living or deceased. You can also send them the beautiful Christmas cards we have enclosed to let them know they will be remembered in the Masses—and to remind them of the humble Infant Who came to save us all. If you would like more cards, you may use the enclosed order form. We appreciate your donations, which are very important to our Fraternity as we continue our growth, now numbering more than 300 priests and over 150 seminarians.

This Christmas, please keep in your prayers all the priests and seminarians of the FSSP. Know that we, in turn, will be praying for you and your loved ones as we strive to continue bringing you the light of Christ in 2021 and beyond.



Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Michael Stinson, FSSP
North American Superior

**Don't miss out on the graces of this novena.
Enroll yourself and your loved ones today!**

Please send us your intentions on the enclosed reply card so that we can pray for them at our seminary.