



The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

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“But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name.”

—John 1:12

Dear Friends of the Fraternity,

This quotation is taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of St. John. It is read at the end of every Mass, and it is the gospel for the third Mass to be said on Christmas day. It is a summary of what Christ has done for us, beginning in his Incarnation and birth.

Since the first sin of Adam and Eve, we have lived in a fallen order; a fallen order that God the Son entered into Himself to correct and redeem. Never in recent years has this fact been so obviously on display. We are entering deeper into a time where so much is going wrong. Where the family is under attack, where the human person is under attack, where there is so much disunity and contention, where so many princes of this world stand in violent opposition to one another, where there are wars and rumors of wars, where nature itself in so many ways seems to be groaning against the current order of the world.

In this darkness, Christ is present to each and every one of us as a light. Christ doesn't give His gift to nations or select groups, but to each of us separately to accept or reject. *“The world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He entered unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave them power to be made the sons of God.”* As many as received Him... Christ presents this gift to all men, but it is up to each individual to discern and receive it. There are so many people in this world who have shut themselves up, away from this great offering of Our Lord; who are deaf to His call and blind to His light. There are so many who are prevented from hearing about and seeing Him. It was by Our Lady's singular and humble *fiat* that the light of the world comes to us in this Christmas time. And each one of us has the opportunity upon receiving this light to share in spreading it to the ends of the earth. The shepherds, by the grace of the word of the angel, came to Our Lord in Bethlehem. Seeing Him, they understood what was told them, and they went back glorifying and magnifying God amongst their own.



To this end, FSSP priests will joyfully celebrate a special Mass for the intentions of all our supporters on Christmas morning. As we contemplate the profound gift of Our Lord in our Christmas celebrations, we invite you to please share the spiritual benefits of this Mass with your loved ones by enrolling them using the form provided. No gift is required—but please remember that your donation will help support the formation of our next generation of priests and ongoing work of the priests at our apostolates, who will work tirelessly to bring the joy that comes from knowing Our Redeemer. Your friendship and support are enabling the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter to grow and thrive in North America. Know that we will be praying for you and your intentions with the deepest gratitude throughout this Christmas season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Dorsa, FSSP
Director of Fundraising Operations

We've enclosed an extra copy of our 2022 prayer card because we know you will want to share it with a friend.

Even if you don't have an Advent wreath, remember to say the prayers each week from now until Christmas!