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Merry Christmas



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## The Greatest of All Gifts

The Christmas Season is upon us and once again our thoughts turn to the miracle of life in the wonder of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. What great love the Father has for us that He sent His only Begotten Son that we might have Life Eternal. This act of pure love is what we continue to celebrate more than two thousands years later. It is what we reflect upon each and every year, as we prepare for this glorious season. Jesus Christ is The Gift, the only gift that we need, the gift which contains all our hope and joy. It follows, then, that He is indeed the "Reason for the Season." He must be at the center of all our celebrations during this festive time for He alone brings meaning to what we celebrate.

As we approach this Holy Season, it is our prayer that He will find a place of welcome in our hearts and homes, and remain with us always. May we make Him present by the lives we lead, so that those who seek Him may find Him in all that we say and do. May our love for Him shine as brightly as the Star of Bethlehem and once again herald His birth to a world in need of His love.

As you gather to break the *Bread of Love*, the oplatek, this Christmas Eve, we too, share symbolically with you in this sacred ritual of love. As your Chaplains, it is our prayer that Jesus Christ be born in the stable of your hearts and fill them with His love. May you and all those you love have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a healthy, holy 2008! *Wesołych I Zdrowych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.*

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