



CHRISTMAS 2015

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AUJOURD'HUI, DIEU EST  
DESCENDU SUR LA TERRE ET  
L'HOMME EST MONTÉ AUX  
CIEUX!

TODAY GOD DESCENDED  
UPON THE EARTH AND MAN  
ASCENDED TO HEAVEN!

TO ALL THE BELOVED CLERGY, MONASTICS AND FAITHFUL OF  
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANADA

IN THESE DAYS WHEN SO MANY IN OUR WORLD ARE  
AFFLICTED BY WARS AND PERSECUTIONS, THERE IS ONLY ONE  
PLACE TO TURN TO FOR SALVATION, TO A CHILD BORN IN A  
CAVE, FROM A VIRGIN MOTHER. 2015 YEARS AGO HOPE CAME  
TO THE WORLD IN BETHLEHEM. TO SHARE IN THIS HOPE, WE  
MUST IMITATE THE SHEPHERDS AND THE MAGI AND BOW  
DOWN WITH HUMILITY BEFORE THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE.

I WISH THAT OUR LIVES MAY BE FILLED WITH HIS PEACE, AND  
HIS LOVE AND THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE TO GROW IN ALL  
THOSE THAT WE LOVE.

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