



“Vi annunzio una grande gioia”

Gioia

Dearest Sisters,

In these days of Christmas, an explosion of joy pervades the night of the Incarnation, as it did on Easter morning, and the jubilant announcement resounds: “I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: today a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord” (Lk. 2: 10-11).

These verses are an exultant epilogue to an ancient promise, confirmed and kept alive down the ages by a succession of prophets who kindled in the people an expectation laden with consolation and hope: “From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and flows unceasingly” (Pope Francis).

Christmas is the fulfillment of God’s promises.

It is contemplation of a love that seeks, finds, encompasses and saves us.

It is the joyous proclamation of the marvelous things the Lord has done for us.

I fervently hope that we will allow ourselves to be enveloped by the enchantment of that luminous night; that we will allow ourselves to be penetrated by the mystery of that love: “A Child has been born for us...the Prince of Peace.”

May this good news pervade our communities, race through the world and be transformed into a communication of joy, a diffusion of peace and life to be lived to the full.

With deep affection,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
and Sisters of the General Government

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