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Experiencing the Impossible

«Faced with the angel's announcement, Mary welcomed the improbable, the unforeseen, the impossible, because, after all, life is nothing but waiting without an object» (Simone Weil). In order for there to be an event, in order for the other –the surprising–to reveal itself for what it is, one must experience the impossible. Without its impact, there would be no vision of new things but only the same old things, repetition. So Mary, having just experienced the impossible, «got up and went in haste» to visit a woman in need of help. The motivating factor for «getting up» will always be a driving force, an energy, that we all bear within ourselves but that risks remaining dormant if we are not open

**May Christmas
be for us
an experience
of the water
that makes us
fruitful, of the
fire that kindles
our dormant
energies,
of the air
that revitalizes
our breathing,
and of the soil
that enables
new life
to sprout.**

**WARMEST
BEST WISHES
TO EVERYONE!**

to the action of Another, recognized in His total «otherness.» It is important to experience the divine within us, to be receptive to His action, to silently allow ourselves to be imbued with Him. Only then will our very flesh be a manifestation of God –this is the mystery of the Incarnation–and only then will we be able to rise up from our paralysis and go forth in order to finally begin to take care of someone else. Mary, moved by an experience lived in the flesh, seeks out Elizabeth, who had always been sterile, but who had also experienced the impossible. We are made to bloom. A sterile life, unable to bear fruit and give it color and fragrance, is a dead life.

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