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MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS 2021 AND NEW YEAR 2022

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth." (Jn 1:14)

Dear Confreres and friends

From Cameroon, where I am with Fr. Fabien Kalehezo, I send to every one of you my best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a serene New Year 2022.

May the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, in our midst, be the occasion to renew our confident yes to the Lord wherever we find ourselves. God is not observing how we live and what we do from afar. For, God became incarnate in our humanity and became one of us. Since then, God has been walking with us, accompanying us in our daily lives, enlightening us with his Word, encouraging us in times of difficulty, and continually offering us his Spirit as a guarantee of his presence.

Charles de Foucauld, who will be canonized next May, when speaking of his conversion, confessed, "*as soon as I believed in the existence of God, I understood that I could do nothing but live only for Him.*" May the witness of his life placed at the service of Love, especially among Muslim brothers and sisters, accompany us throughout this new year.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and serene New Year 2022!

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