



IN HIS NAME • FOURTH QUARTER 2021

— *From our President* —

A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you.
He is Christ the Lord!
(Luke 2:11)*

This past year has been one filled with blessings and challenges for our members and chapters. We have been blessed with three new chapters that will be introduced at our next LPC Meeting in April! And, we have two more chapters in the process of forming. Several of our established chapters have

also received new members. Along with those blessings, some challenges still exist due to covid restrictions and mandates. God willing, this coming year will bring an end to the virus and all restrictions.

Although it's important to look back on the past year's blessings and challenges, and forward to the new year with hope, it's more important to focus on the present moment. In the scripture passage above, St. Luke reminds us to live in the present moment by referring to *Today, in the city of David*. *Today* doesn't only refer to St. Luke's time. It's for our time. It is for all time. God exists outside of time, and lives in the eternal present. So, the birth of His only begotten Son is just as present to Him in our day, today, as it was in St. Luke's day. This should give us great hope and confidence. It means we have the opportunity to receive the Christ Child anew. We can repent of our sins and errors, and resolve to develop heroic virtue.

Today, also reminds us that the present moment is all we have. The past is gone and the future is unborn. How we spend the present moment is all that matters. Each present moment provides us with the opportunity to be a Saint, a condemned sinner, or to rack up purgatory time. Every thought, word and action determines that outcome. *Today*, also serves to remind us that we are in time, and time is finite. At some point, there will be no more today for us to earn merit in the sight of God. Let's spend each today, well.

St. Luke's passage also tells us that a Savior has been born *to you*. He is not speaking of the *collective you*. He's speaking about you, personally. That means Jesus was born - so He could die - for you alone, as if there was no one else in the world. That's something everyone needs to be reminded of. On a basic level, we know God loves us. But, we haven't begun to understand the depths of that love, in the fullest sense. If every soul truly

knew how deeply they are loved by God, our world would be transformed. This is the perfect season to spend time contemplating this gift. Many Saints have experienced union with God by meditating on this Truth.

As Dominican Laity, we are called to share the Truth of this Gospel passage with those around us. Our society is inundated with spirits of division, anger and fear. Our mission, then, is to counter that with unity, peace, hope and charity. That mission begins with each of us individually, and together, in our meetings. Chapter members must gather together as one mind and body. Each chapter meeting should be like an encounter with the Christ Child in the cave of the Nativity. From there, we go out and share the Gospel message.

May God continue to bless us, in the coming year. May He grant us the grace to live in the present moment, cognizant of the infinite love He has for us. May He grant us the grace to share His love with those around us.

May the Christ Child and His Blessed Mother grant you,
your chapters and families, every grace and blessing this
Christmas Season,

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