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# Christmas Greeting from the Prelate

Monsignor Fernando Ocáriz has written a brief Christmas greeting for faithful of Opus Dei and friends.

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My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

With these lines, I want to send you my greetings for the holy feast of Christmas. At this time last year, Don Javier had left us for heaven only a few days before. Let us continue

remembering him with affection and gratitude, while keeping very much in mind that final prayer of his for the fidelity of everyone.

I invite you to consider once again these words of our Father: “Look at the Child in the manger. He is our Love. Look at him, realizing that the whole thing is a mystery. We need to accept this mystery on faith and use our faith to explore it very deeply” (*Christ is Passing By*, no. 13).

The mystery of a Child who is God! May Jesus increase our faith, so that we can see God in Him; so that, through this faith, we can deepen in our contemplation of the truth that “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8) and that He becomes a Child because of us and for our sake.

With the great joy announced by the Angels, like the shepherds, we will find Jesus with Mary and Joseph (cf. *Lk 2:16*).

Your Father blesses you with all his affection,

Fernando

Rome, 18 December 2017

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