

Christmas Reflection

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Merry Christmas!

As a priest, I receive many gifts from the parishioners, especially during the time of Christmas. I often think it is I who rather enjoy the birthday of Jesus because of that. At the same time, I ask myself these questions: "Am I being a good gift to Jesus? As a priest, do I live as a pleasant gift to the people whom I serve?"

I think that to live as a holy and good priest of Jesus Christ or as a faithful Christian means to be a good gift to others by bringing happiness into their lives. The happier the people are because of me being a gift, the more truthful this idea will be. We are the people who have received the greatest and the most beautiful gift in the history of mankind.

As we celebrate Christmas, I hope I may become a good and holy priest who can faithfully share with others the best gift I have ever received: **JESUS CHRIST**. In other words, I wish I can channel the love, mercy, justice, and humility of Jesus toward those I am called to serve. I believe this would be the best gift I can give to Jesus. May all Christians give the best gift they receive, Jesus Christ.

I wish you a Merry Christmas. May the peace of Jesus always reign in your heart and in your family!