

## ADVENT & PASTORAL MESSAGE

Advent greetings to you.

As I write this letter, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your significant role in supporting our mission and services and the wider Church. Your contributions, whether big or small, are the backbone of our community, and they make a profound difference in our collective journey.

It's hard to believe that it has been three years since I began serving at this community. I have grown and evolved, learning so much from each of you during this time. Your generosity and dedication to serving our community in various roles have left a lasting impression on me. Please know that you are seen, loved, and deeply appreciated.

Over the past three years, I have cherished the moments of connection with many of our members and adherents at senior homes and other residences. These encounters have been filled with the spirit of togetherness and have inspired me. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to meet and connect with so many of you.

I would love to arrange a meeting for those who have been part of our congregation for years but haven't had the chance to meet me yet. I'm happy to visit you, or you can see me in my office. I am eager to strengthen our connection and get to know you better.

As we prepare to embark on the journey of Advent this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, I am filled with anticipation for the season of hope that lies ahead. The second Sunday will bring us Peace, the third one Joy, and we will culminate with a celebration of Love on Christmas Eve. Let us open our hearts to the messages of hope, peace, joy, and love this season offers. I am excited as we welcome the Christmas season and all the good things it brings. Let's show love and compassion to strangers and those we know. Let's enter Advent with hopefulness to learn how God is revealed through an infant.

Wishing you Advent blessings now and in the days to come.

*Rev. Dorcas*

