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Christmas 2010

Dear Parishioners:

There is something about a story that grabs our attention. Who are the people doing this or that? What are the motives for their actions? What happens and why? Will the tale have a happy or sad ending? How does this story reveal something about me?

In a variety of ways, narrative deals with these questions. But there is a unique story – the story of Jesus the Christ – that has changed the world. People of faith truly believe that God became man in his Son Jesus. People of faith believe that this Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead for our salvation. People of faith believe that, if they participate in this great mystery through grace, they, too will rise with Jesus into new and everlasting life.

It is a true story? Is it too good to be true? Our faith says it is true, and it has become the good news of salvation initiated by the birth of a child, under the humblest circumstances, at Bethlehem, over two thousand years ago.

“Once upon a time...” We are to listen up, embrace the story and live it by being agents of God’s love, compassion and forgiveness. If we do that, then we show that the story is not too good to be true.

Lord Jesus, born of Mary, help us to comprehend the depth of your story. We have heard it so often and, at times, taken it for granted. Give us fresh eyes to see anew the mystery of your love; give us fresh ears to hear the marvels of your love and mercy for us. And then, give us the grace not only to announce the story, but also to live it fully.

The schedule of our Christmas Masses is enclosed for your reference. Kindly note that there will be no Saturday Evening Mass on Christmas night. We have added, however, a 12:00 noon Mass for Holy Family Sunday, December 26th.

The remaining opportunities for Christmas confessions are:

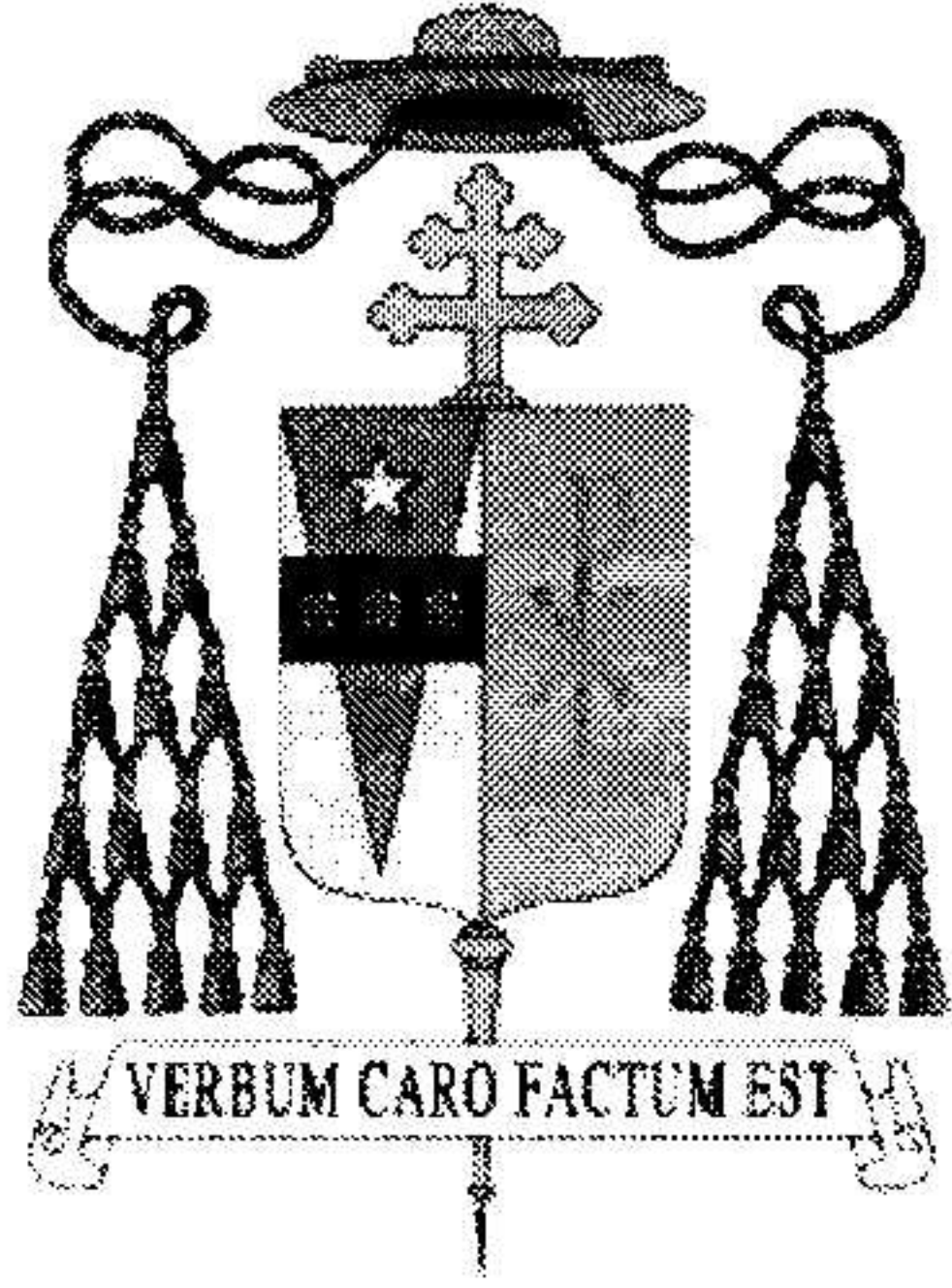
Tuesday, December 21st, 4:00 to 5:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm
in Saint Joseph Church.

Wednesday, December 22nd, 4:00 to 5:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm
in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Your generosity to our Annual Christmas Collection would be most appreciated.

A blessed and joyous Christmas be yours, as well as a peace-filled New Year!

Fr. John O'Neil



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
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December 25, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

As we celebrate this holy feast of Christmas, the words of the Angel spoken to the shepherds are proclaimed anew: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy . . . a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” The Church makes these words her own as she announces to all people the joy and peace that were born on Christmas morning.

These words of the Angel led the shepherds to search out the infant Jesus and to encounter Him in the presence of Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family. So too for us, the words of the Angel invite us to contemplate the joy and hope of this Christmas day. God has sent us a Savior, His Son who brings us lasting peace.

And so: Do not be afraid! Our Savior is born. Let us adore Him, with Mary and Joseph, through our fidelity to prayer, especially in the celebration of Mass. And with the Angel of the Lord, the shepherds, and the whole Church, let us make the message of Christ’s birth known to all, especially by our love for one another.

May the Lord Jesus continue to bless you and may our Mother Mary and Saint Joseph watch over you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Justin Card. Rigali*

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia



**The West End Catholic Parishes of Coatesville
Welcome You at Christmas:
–A Great Time to Come Home –**

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CHURCH
209 West Lincoln Highway

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24th
5:30 pm Choir Program
6:00 pm Festive Mass
11:30 pm Choir Program
12:00 am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25th
9:00 am Festive Mass

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH OF COATESVILLE
404 Charles Street

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24th
9:00 pm Choir Program
9:30 pm Festive Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25th
10:30 am Festive Mass

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th
9:00 am Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
10:30 am Mass in St. Joseph Church
12:00 pm Mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

May Christ Jesus bless you with peace and joy!

