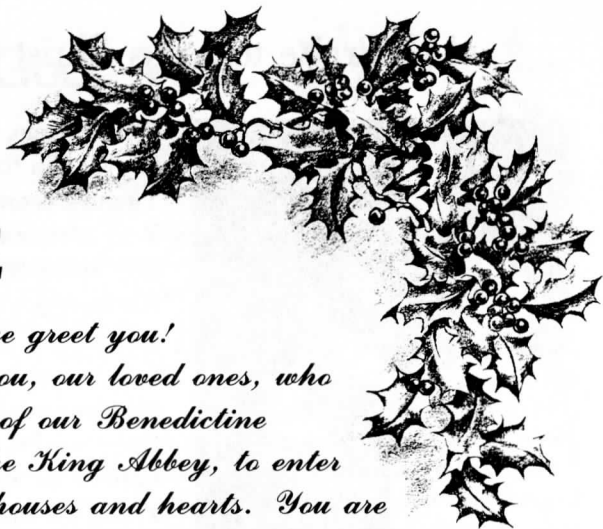


PEACE



Most sincerely do we greet you!

We greet those of you, our loved ones, who permit the message of our Benedictine Family of Christ the King Abbey, to enter the portals of your houses and hearts. You are such a great part of our lives, of our love and our prayer. One thing we hope for - with all our hearts do we hope for it - and that is that by our example of tolerance, understanding, compassion, spirituality and by our example of faith, and courage we might be some small reason for your greater Joy and Peace this Christmas. We hope that by our example we can give some measure of strength to your sense of stability, of serenity and of holiness. We wish this for you and for those whom you love most. We pray that your Christmas Joy and Peace be somewhat greater and more beautiful and holy because of the little things that we have said to you. In return we ask that you pray for us. We ask that you pray that we will someday become worthy of the great calling with which God has blessed us.

May God watch over you and bless you - always.



*+ Donald Gardiner, O.S.B.
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