



# *Merry Christmas to all!*



Dear and beloved Brothers and Sisters,  
Greetings, Blessings, and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Once again I am most grateful to Almighty God for allowing me to write yet another Christmas Letter. How happy I am to be able to tell you in my own words of our profound love for you and those you love most. You can be certain that we of Christ the King Abbey and Saint Joseph's Monastery are praying every day for you and your loved ones. Every day we ask our Blessed Lord, His Blessed Mother, and all the Holy Angels to keep you surrounded with Their love and protection.

Since my Christmas Letter of 2004, so much has happened. Large things, momentous happenings, interesting happenings, disturbing happenings. There have been devastating tsunamis, hurricanes, and earthquakes throughout the land. All over the world there have been events where huge numbers of people have been involved, thousands of people killed, and hundreds of thousands of people left homeless. Little that we can speak of rings a note of joy and contentment. Is the hand of God, at last, resting heavily on His ungrateful children? We do not know! Is the hand of God, still, not resting heavily on His ungrateful children? We do not know! Only God knows. Only God directs. Only God, Who causes the water to flood, the wind to blow, the earth to quake, and the fire to destroy, only He knows the reason for all these things. Even with all our technical knowledge, what control does mere man have over anything? God, and God alone, is in control. Let us not so much center our concerns on the possibility of the coming of the end times. Maybe they are – maybe they are not. Our principal concern must be that we are ready to enter eternity, whether we are in the end times or not. Our preparation begins now. Let us not wait until the wind begins to blow, or the earth to quake, or the flood to knock down and destroy. Were we to wait until we saw such “signs and wonders” it would then be too late.

Now is the time for us to assure God that we believe in Him, that we trust Him, that we love Him, that we adore Him, with our whole mind, our whole body, our whole heart, our whole being. And we PRAY. Morning, noon, and night, we pray. Our every action during the day should indicate prayer. I do not here suggest that we must be constantly performing formal prayer. That would be impossible. We have to work and eat and live, and we have to do all the things that working and eating and living demand of us. You ask, “How can this be?” We love! If we love God as He Himself has directed, whether we eat or drink or work or whatever, all will be penetrated by the love we have for Him. All day long, love will subliminally penetrate our every action, making our every