

## Office of the Bishop

## Christmas 2023

"They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy." (Matthew 2.9-12)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every Christmas, we read about the star that led the three Wise Men to Jesus. In times past and even today, stars serve as beacons to guide people on their way.

In a world where it is becoming more and more difficult to navigate, we need to remember that we have Jesus, "The Star" God sent us, to help guide and steer us on our life journey.

May Jesus, our "Star," shine brightly in your hearts and in your lives, not only to guide you, but also so that you too will be stars for others, especially those who have lost their way.

Merry Christmas everyone!

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