



## *Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador*

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.” (Is. 9: 2) For many of us, light and darkness have been at battle, fear and hope have been at play.

We have pondered the reason for our hope, the light at the end of the tunnel. More than what we have left behind, more than a simple return to former patterns.

Time and time again, we have called on God to intervene: “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.” (Is. 64: 1) Time and time again we ask God to show us his face and bring us to repentance.

May this Christmas be a time of genuine encounter, a hope that extends beyond appearances and a love that reaches out beyond the boundaries of our own life. May we come to rejoice in Christ once more.

To you, and all your loved ones, God’s joy at Christmas and God’s blessings on the New Year.

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop Bart van Roijen

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