



Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone.” (Isaiah 9: 2 NRSV). At no time, in many of our lives, have these words taken on so much meaning and given us reason for hope.

Advent is a time of hope. Each week we light another candle, another light to pierce the darkness. Each week we reflect on the promises of God and their fulfilment in the events leading to Jesus’ birth.

This Advent I encourage you to light a solitary candle, during the evening hours, and place it on your window sill. You may also want to decorate your living room window with words like: kindness, compassion, service, generosity and forgiveness, as an outward display of what hope looks like. May it serve as a reminder to you each day and as a sign of hope for the world to see.

Christ is our hope. Born in our darkness and rejected from his birth, may he find room in your heart this Advent and take centre stage in your home at Christmas.

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop Bart van Roijen