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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Catholic Bishop of Broken Bay Christmas Message 2022

Despite our best intentions we can become preoccupied with the busyness of life at times, distracted from what Christmas is really all about.

We see the words love, peace, and joy on Christmas cards and shop displays, and that makes us feel comfortable, perhaps sentimental. Instead, those words should be a real challenge to us, a call to conversion.

As we approach Christmas let's reflect on the One who makes us citizens of heaven, who accompanies us every day of our lives, who leads us and gifts us love and forgiveness, who is the salvation of our souls.

Many people in our world are longing for peace, stability, and security in life, which can be challenging. God will bring beauty out of darkness, order out of chaos. It may be difficult for many to see, but Christmas is the miracle of life, the immense gift of faith.

Jesus Christ is our perpetual messenger. He is the message of Good News. The tidings of joy are not just for the shepherds, they are to be shared by all of us.

Christmas is a promise that is renewed every year but accompanies us every day of our lives.

We recognise and pray for those in our world who are experiencing great loss and devastation.

Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus Christ. It is about how He came to give us love, hope, and joy. That message doesn't change from year to year.

That message is the Christ in Christmas.

I wish you and your families all the joy and blessings of the Holy Season.

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