

### 30. Father de Clorivière's Christmas and New Year wishes

Christmas 1804

“Let us put everything into the hands of divine Providence with full and perfect resignation; let us say with more fervor than ever the prayer that we have been making daily, for more than twelve years, to ask for the heavenly blessing for our two Societies and their confirmation on earth by the Sovereign Pontiff: “O Jesus, little one, whose name is holy and admirable, bless these very small Societies. May your Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary bless them.” In general, let us constantly keep our minds and hearts lifted to heaven, or what may be better, in these times: Let us shut ourselves up with Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the stable of Bethlehem. Let us closely unite our hearts to theirs and solicit through them all that we desire for the glory of the divine Master. Let us also say with the Holy Angels in the depths of our soul: Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus ”.

Letter 2a234, December 1804.

New Year

“*Not the peace of the world but the peace of Jesus Christ....* I wish you everything I wish for myself; not the peace and happiness of the world, but the peace of Jesus Christ with all the good things for time and for eternity, which are enclosed in this peace. I make the same wish for all in whom you are interested and especially for your entire Society, whether gathered under the same roof or dispersed in various places, but united in mind and heart in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. May all the sweetness of these divine hearts flow in abundance on each and every one of them! May they in their turn, and you at their head, deserve by all kinds of virtues, and especially by the purest and most efficacious charity, which they should have among themselves, deserve to be the cherished flock of Jesus and Mary, and make up a little for the ingratitude of so many souls, who resist their love and reject their benefits. I always want to be with you, in Jesus and Mary. Cor Unum and Anima Una”.

Letter 2a237, January 2, 1805.