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***The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the
only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
(John 1:14)***

The Abbot and Community of Mount St Benedict join with you in celebrating this wonderful season of Christmas. It is a time of joy in the knowledge that God has visited His people and lives among them. He visited us at Mount St Benedict in so many ways over the past year and we can only be grateful. We thank you for your generous support both morally and materially. So much has been accomplished at the abbey and none of this could have been done without your generous support. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! An up-grade to our water distribution system; a fully ventilated Church with ceiling fans; a brand new multi-media outfit in our Pilgrim Centre; new roofing over the esplanade for the pilgrims on the eastern end of the car park; additional monastic assistance from Ireland, Africa and India for our pastoral ministry; retiling of the Pax Guest House porch; a new memorial wall in our monastic cemetery; an insightful and encouraging visitation from our Abbot President Ansgar Schmidt and his assistant, Fr James McMahon. All these and more tell us that God has been visiting His people at the Mount and will continue to do so in the future. We cannot end this greeting without specially acknowledging with gratitude the wonderful assistance offered to our community over the years by Glenstal Abbey, Ireland. We offer our condolences on the passing away of their and our beloved Fr Andrew Nugent who served so graciously at the Mount on an annual basis over several years. Thank you!

