

... in Jesus and Mary.

J.M.J.A.

Manila
December 10, 2008

My dear Fr. Rene Ramirez,

Thank you, thank you very much for your wishes on my 90th birthday from Rome and from all of the Fathers of our Curia.

I will pray particularly for the best results of your works for our beloved Congregation. I don't know when you will return to the Philippines, and so since now, I would like to give you and to all the Confreres of our Curia, my best wishes of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Embracing you all in Jesus and Mary:

Fr. Joseph Aveni, R.C.J.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN GRACES THROUGH FR. AVENI

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gifts you granted to your priest, Joseph Aveni, configuring him to Jesus, the Master who is gentle and humble of heart. With trusting humility he found in your merciful love the joy of his life, the zeal for the salvation of souls, and the light for his service of spiritual guidance. He loved You in his neighbor and his neighbor in You, and dedicated his life to obtain holy workers particularly to the Asian continent.

Glorify, O Father, this zealous priest, for the praise of your Name so that he may be for the Church an effective sign of your Kingdom.

Through his intercession, grant light to the young people, health to the sick who turn to him, and to us, grant the grace we long for (*mention your personal intention here*), so that we may also find our joy in fulfilling your Will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Copies of Fr. Aveni's prayer cards are available upon request.

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FOR...



Fr. Eric Raveza
Fr. Niptale Frogosa
Fr. Cesare Bettoni
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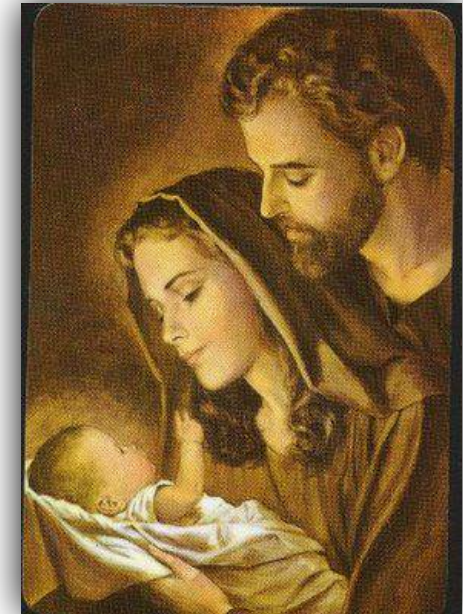
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JESUS, God the Father's gift to humanity"

"And the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us; and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

This Holy Christmas let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and grow in the awareness that the Holy Child who is born in Bethlehem wants to be our brother, friend, travel companion, comfort in the midst of the difficulties of our pilgrimage, secure reference of our life... John tells us that the Word, "came among his own" and his own did not accept him. We want to welcome him with all the love we have,

having for our model, the loving heart of Father Hannibal, and of his many sons and daughters. The charm, the meditation of Christmas, finds us ecstatic to pause in front of the stable of Bethlehem, to contemplate Joseph, Mary and the Child, the Holy Family who are united in an unspeakable love in the face of many hardships. This is my invitation: let us be infected by this love and reciprocate it. While we stand before the crib, let us listen to the song of the Angels, admire the shepherds and the magi bringing their gifts and let us see Mary who presents her Son, the Child Jesus, the Gift of God the Father to humanity. (*Christmas Message of the Superior General, Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, RCJ*)



From the Writings of Fr. Joseph Aveni

Message for the New Year

(First message sent through internet, dated January, 2007)



Praise and thanks every moment, the Lord and His Most Holy Mother!

What a wonder are these latest means of communication! On these first days of the New Year, thanks to the kindness of a Confrere, I have the possibility and the great joy to greet personally and visibly the Father General and several other Confreres in Italy, as well as Msgr. Ottavio Vitale in Albania and our Sisters, Daughters of Divine Zeal in

Australia.

How could I not be thankful and bless the Lord for giving man the intelligence in order to discover and better use the secrets of nature? Surely, I have never thought that from this far place in the Philippines, I would be able to speak and see directly to persons living in Italy and in every part of the world.

However, even if I don't personally understand how could this happen I cannot but admire such an extraordinary invention without wondering: what would be the future for the next generations? God alone knows. Therefore, to Him and only to Him every praise and thanksgiving for giving man this intelligence to discover and utilise this new means of communication.

And since the Confreres have given me this possibility to have access to the internet, I willingly take this opportunity to address through this means my first greetings above all to my Superiors and then to all my Confreres, Sisters Daughters of Divine Zeal, Missionaries of the Rogate, our Students and all members of the great Family of the Rogate.

In a special way, I would like to greet my sister Giuseppina in Italy, as well as my two sisters-in-law in America and all my nephews and nieces, cousins and friends.

Unfortunately, however, I know that these wonderful means which the Lord gave us the grace to discover, instead of using them for His glory and for our greater benefit, at times man makes us of them for evil and for his own temporal and eternal ruin. So, in this my first message (and maybe the last, given my age of 88 years!), I would like to exhort all those who will have the possibility to read this, to thank the Lord for these

divine gifts given to humanity, and, at the same time to pray Him fervently, so that He would always let the good triumph and destroy the evil, for His greater glory and for the salvation of all men. This is my only desire.

May Mary, our divine Mother, help us obtain this grace.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!



