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*Greetings of a Holy Christmas
and a peaceful 2013
Year of Faith*

«When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart».
(Lc 2:15-19)

To the Rogationists
To the Family of the Rogate

Dearests,

once again, I am returning to you in this holy season of Advent, recalling the invitation we received from the Pope to set out "on a journey" in this Year of Faith.

The shepherds who "went with haste" to Bethlehem, where they found Mary, Joseph and the infant, are an example for us.

Luke's account, despite of its simplicity, is enchanting. The shepherds, while guarding their flock, are surrounded by a great light. They are taken by fright while listening to an angel who reassure them and announce to them the news that will bring great joy to all the peoples: "In the city of David a savior is born, Christ the Lord." In confirmation of this announcement they receive a sign: they will find "a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger".

