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*Greetings of a Holy Christmas
and serene 2014*

*«THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL
fills the hearts and lives
of all who encounter Jesus.
Those who accept his offer of salvation
are set free from sin,
sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.
With Christ joy is constantly
born anew».
(Esortazione Apostolica EG 1)*

To the Rogationists
and to the Family of the Rogate

Dearest,

My Christmas greetings that I wish to extend to you this year is meant to be a simple and friendly echo, of the renewed proclamation of the Gospel, which we receive on many occasions and in different forms from the Holy Father Francis.

With this in mind, at the beginning of this intense Season of Advent, we welcome together with filial love, the Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel", that the Pope has given to us at the conclusion of the Year of Faith.

The whole Church and the entire world looks up to the Supreme Pontiff and to his strong and evangelical witness.

We are particularly amazed in seeing that, even in the face of serious difficulties and great challenges of the Church, he guides us with habitual serenity and sends us a message with confident hope.

Pope Francis invites us to return to the Gospel which is the source of joy.

He urges us to look at the coming feast of Christmas and assures us: "With Jesus Christ joy is constantly born anew." His words are an expression of the great faith that moves him, despite different hardships and many problems, faith that is manifested in his words and in his smile.

Let us thank the Lord for giving us Pope Francis, let us pray for him and let us be guided by his example and his teaching.

Faith is our identity as Christians and it is also the foundation of our religious consecration.

