

## MESSAGE of BISHOP NOEL FOR CHRISTMAS 2017

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Dear Diocesan members,

Once again during Christmas, we relive the birth of Jesus, who unveils to us a God who becomes an infant, humble and weak, yet reveals his power through love.

May this beautiful feast augment in us the desire to resemble him by taking care of those around us who are weak, small and defenceless.

In 2018, let us draw close to others especially the stranger, and the forgotten of our society. Open our hearts, our home and our family to them.

Become like a good bread, that is shared to relieve the hunger and thirst of all people who aspire to happiness and better living conditions. Take care of our earth which cannot endure more exploitation.

Continue to work for a church that steps out in faith and in this 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of our Diocese, continue to celebrate our heritage of faith, transmitted since 1892; our charitable presence, that our Christian communities still exercise and the hope of continuity in the message of the Gospel.

To all of you, I send my best wishes for good health, peace, justice, joy and happiness!

May the tenderness and the goodness of God accompany you in your life and fill your heart all year long, this 2018.

With my blessing,

† Noël Simard, Bishop of Valleyfield

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MERRY CHRISTMAS 2017! HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

FELIZ NAVIDAD 2017! FELIZ Y SANTO AÑO 2018!