

# Christmas 2022

## Letter from Don Marco Bove International Chaplain

### The shepherds' Christmas

**W**hen 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." (Luke: 2, 15)

Among the Christmas Eve characters, the shepherds often stay in the background, without even attracting our attention. In Jesus' time they were viewed as outcasts of society because of their humble work. They were also considered unclean because they helped sheep to deliver their lambs.

However, in the Holy Night the shepherds are the very first to hear the good news that Jesus has been born and they arrive at Bethlehem to adore him before all the others.

God chooses the last and most despised to reveal himself to the world. He puts them first. This is why in Faith and Light we also put those who are often forgotten or considered unworthy at the center of our communities.

O Lord, let our communities and all our families feel loved and called to welcome Jesus who is born among us. O Lord, give your peace and light to all those who are still suffering from injustice and war.

