



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is an annual pleasure for me at this time of year to send greetings and best wishes to the many Asian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Vancouver who are marking the Lunar New Year on Monday, February 8.

As we enter into the traditional Year of the Monkey, I invite all who celebrate to recall that Pope Francis has also proclaimed this the Holy Year of Mercy – a special Jubilee Year and a time of grace, conversion to the Lord and joy in living the Gospel.

This Jubilee Year is a gift to all of us, who are called to “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (cf. Lk 6:36). We are all God’s children and, as the Holy Father writes, “There are no walls or distances which can prevent the Father’s mercy from reaching and embracing us.”

I pray that during this Jubilee Year you will rediscover the great gift of God’s mercy. Just as God never tires of forgiving, so you must never tire of asking forgiveness and sharing mercy with others.

May God’s abundant blessings and mercy will be with you and your loved ones through this entire year.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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