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Well hello everyone. I'm happy to be able to spend a few moments now to wish you a very merry Christmas—I want to extend Christmas blessings to all of you and your families.

You know, we human beings like to plan things, we have plans for just about everything. And one of the things that's happened over the course of this year is that our plans have been altered and interrupted, especially by the coronavirus and everything that's come out of that. So we've had to adjust plans. But one of the things we realize now, on this Christmas day, is that God's got plans too. And that's what we celebrate today, the plan that God had from eternity to send his Son, for our salvation, to save us, to lead us out of the slavery that comes from sin and the result of that—death. God sent Jesus to be with us, not only to carry out this plan but to do it in our midst.

So this Christmas, we celebrate God's plan. God's plan realized in the birth of Jesus, the greatest event that's ever happened in history. In the midst of all our messed up plans this year, let's, today and over the course of this Christmas season, celebrate God's plan. It was not destroyed, it was not thwarted, God realized it when he sent his Son and He was born of the Virgin Mary. We celebrate that, praise God!

So I want to wish you all a very blessed and holy and merry, happy Christmas. Please know of my deep, deep gratitude for your love, your prayers, all that you do within your families and within our diocese. Please know of my love for you as well as my prayers for all of you. May God bless you and Merry Christmas!