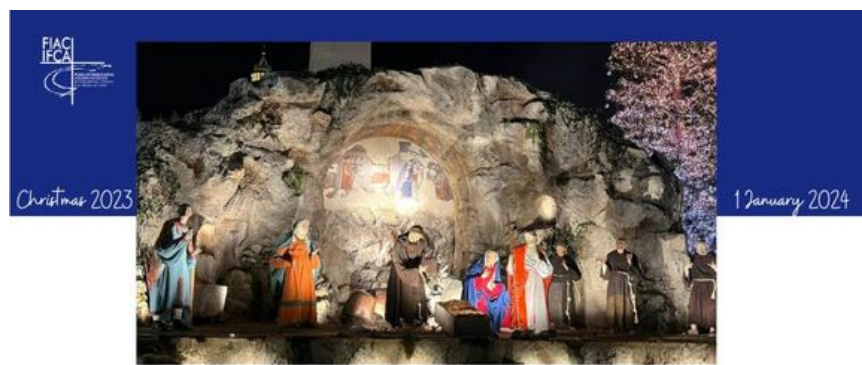


N. 6 – December, 21 2023

We are on the doorstep of the celebration of Christmas, God who becomes man to save us. May each one of us be able to share these days in family, together with the family of the Church and Catholic Action, being attentive to welcome, accompany and care for all, especially the most vulnerable.

In this time of so many conflicts, so much pain and suffering, let us allow God's love to flood our hearts and fill them with his joy and hope. Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the littleness and humility of the child Jesus and let us transmit his love to every person we meet, being a reflection of his tenderness, builders of the Kingdom and especially artisans of peace. From the IFCA Secretariat we desire you a Merry and Holy Christmas and a 2024 in friendship with the Lord and with everyone, everyone, everyone!!!

Eva Fernández Mateo - *Coordinator of the Secretariat*
+ Eduardo García - *Ecclesiastical Assistant*



St Peter's Square - 8th centenary of the first representation of the Nativity of St Francis in Greccio

BEST WISHES * LOS MEJORES DESIOS * MEILLEURS VOEUX * CARISSIMI AUGURI

Christmas 2023 - 1 January 2024

Best wishes



Let us pray to the Lord for peace

Pope Francis: let us not forget our brothers and sisters who are suffering because of war



Cardinal Eduardo Francisco Pironio is beatified

Pope Francis' words at the Angelus to remember the Blessed, vespers, beatification, mass of thanksgiving



2023-2024: Catholic Action participates in the Synod



Youth Coordination

SVYO: Supporting Volunteers in Youth Organisations (Erasmus+)

Output training seminar. Malta, 24-26 November 2023

NEWS FROM THE COUNTRIES

activities of IFCA member and observer countries

The latest posted news

We need to imagine ourselves in the little Italian town of Greccio, near Rieti... On 25 December... Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond

between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present. This is how our tradition began: with everyone gathered in joy around the cave, with no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery.

Francis, Admirabile signum, 2



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