

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS



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***CHRISTMAS MESSAGE***

Dear Brother Knights of the World,

The message of Christmas is, in one sense, so obvious, but in another sense it has been so obscured – and even obliterated in our world – that we need to state it again and re-imprint it in our hearts.

As the angel said to the shepherds of Bethlehem: ‘Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people: today a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord (Lk 2: 10-11).

As Knights who serve the Saviour it is time to pause, accept this Gift of Love from God, and reflect on what we should do in our lives to make sure His Coming is indeed shared by the whole people.

May the Blessings of the Lord enrich you and those you love as you celebrate His Coming.

Your Shepherd in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

RT. REV. MICHAEL COLEMAN  
CHAPLAIN.

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I send fraternal greetings to all Brothers of the Alliance with the gratitude to you all and to God for the continued valuable work your Orders undertake and achieve. At the recent International meeting, in South Africa, relationships were rekindled and new ones made. From this can be seen that the Brotherhood throughout the world is still alive and well. Most importantly the spirituality pervading the meeting enforced the meaning of our motto "Where there is charity and love, there is God".

When speaking at my installation I mentioned the fact that the Alliance gave us all a tremendous potential, not only to increase the value of our particular Orders' activities and projects, but to fulfill the most important item of our Mission Statement, "To bring the message of Christ to all people" I would, therefore, urge all Supreme Knights and National Presidents to take full advantage of this potential that is there for the taking and if there is any way in which I can assist I am only an e-mail / telephone / fax away. As regards expansion of the Alliance, here again I rely on input from you all, to assist in spreading the benefits to other parts of the world. In the forthcoming period, it would for me be a great pleasure and joy to have greater communication between our Orders and anticipate that it must start with the writer. This wish will be planted in the new year and with some watering and fertilising will hopefully grow into something meaningful.

The International Council meeting also highlighted the need to "Put Christ back into Christmas" as there are certainly many anti-Christ in Christmas movements out there. The Knights of Da Gama have for many years run a project "Put Christ back into Christmas" and I would suggest other Orders look at this if they are not already involved.

I take this space to thank you all for giving me the opportunity of being President of the International Alliance and trust that with the Lord's and Brother Niall Kennedy's help I will fulfill the requirements of the presidency. To you, your families and loved ones I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas 2005 with many joys and blessings and may 2006 be the best year ever.

Fraternally,

**Frank D. Wightman - President - International Alliance of Catholic Knights**