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Christmas Message from the Rector of the Shrine of Fatima



Christmas is God offering Himself to mankind,
Offering Himself to us and revealing to us His love.
For the logic of love is to get closer;
In the Child in the manger God gets closer to us: God with us.
Before the Child Jesus we feel the echo
Of that question put to the Little Shepherds by Our Lady:
“Are you willing to offer yourselves to God?”
She made of Her life a permanent offering to God
Which made possible the miracle of Christmas.
“Are you willing to offer yourselves to God?”
The Little Shepherds replied: “yes, we are!”
Like Mary, they made of their lives an offering to God. To celebrate Christmas is, with them and like them,
To reply with a yes to the question of the Virgin Mother. That is the Holy and Merry Christmas, which we sincerely wish
To all pilgrims, friends and benefactors of the Shrine of Fatima. *Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas*
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