# THE COMPANIONS OF CHRIST

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"Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would have never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time." Saint Augustine

Merry Christmas from The Companions of Christ!

We hope and pray that the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord finds you all filled with his joy and peace. It has been a truly blessed year for The Companions of Christ. We continue to experience God's blessing in our community life and our priestly ministry in many ways.

During this Christmas season our hearts are filled with gratitude for all of you who have supported us through your prayers and your financial generosity. Thank you for helping us to prosper in Christ's service.

Please pray for The Companions of Christ on our Annual Christmas Retreat, December 27-31. Four men new to the Companions will accompany us.

A blessed Christmas and New year to all of you!

Sincerely in Christ,

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