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Go Tell it on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is Born

Merry Christmas to one and all!

"Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.'" – Luke 2:8-11

"Go Tell it on the Mountain," indeed, just as the angel proclaimed the good news to the shepherds on that very first Christmas. "Go Tell it on the Mountain," for me, always captured the very essence of Christmas. With exuberant joy, the song proclaims the greatest love story in the history of humanity, the Incarnation. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."** – John 3:16

After centuries of humanity's waiting and wandering in the barren wilderness of sin, the Word had become flesh; God had become man to pay the debt of our sins and offer the opportunity for repentance and union with Him. He came to save us, and He would lay down His life on the cross to do it. *"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:13

Yes, "Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere." The Lord had kept His promise and the Messiah had come. As the angel said, this is good news of great joy for **all the people**. This message must go out to the entire world, and today, we are all called to be the messengers. In a world that is desperate for good news, you and I must Go Tell it on the Mountain through our words and actions, with Jesus' light shining through us to draw others back to the Church and back to Him. Only in Church can one receive the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and there can be no greater joy than receiving the real presence of Christ.

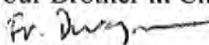
As we celebrate Christmas together, I and my brother priests at our parish would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped to make our parish and community brighter by sharing the light of Christ through your time, talent, and treasure. We are forever grateful to you, as you're the lifeline of our parish community.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

I pray that you and your family are doing well and living with Joy and Hope in the Lord. Remember to always be ready to give a reason for your joy, for as Father Kieran once said in a homily, you might be the only Bible someone ever reads!

Go Tell it on the Mountain! Merry Christmas!

Your Brother in Christ


Father Dwayne