



(Holy Family in the Streets by Kelly Latimore)

*Let us trust life because this night must lead to light.
Let us trust life because we do not have to live it alone.
God lives it with us.*

Alfred Delp

Christmas 2020

Dear friends,

The Corona Virus, the restrictions, and uncertainties that we have endured this year do not have the last word; it is GOD, who became one of us in his Incarnation who holds all in his sway. We have hope and the assurance that despite everything, God is with us and so we celebrate with joy his coming into our world and into our life.

The text by Alfred Delp, a Jesuit who was hanged for treason by the Nazis in 1945, illustrates this approach to Advent. Delp viewed Advent not just as a preparation for Christmas but a journey of the heart which must become a way of life. His conviction was that if we embrace and accept all circumstances, even suffering, they will bless us and '*offer us entry into the true Advent, our personal journey toward a meeting and dialogue with God*'.

The pandemic reality of the world has touched all our lives. As Jesus became one with us, we too are called to be one with our world.

We wish you, dear friends, a joyous, trust-filled Christmas.

United in the faithful companionship of Emmanuel, God-with-us,

Sr. Julian Mujuru and the Sisters of the North American Province