

Christmas Greetings from Archbishop Eamon Martin

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the days of Advent draw to a close, I wish you a very happy Christmas and many blessings for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

I am most grateful for your dedication and commitment and for the generosity of your support during this past year.

There couldn't be a better time for a Jubilee Year of Hope! We live in a world where anxiety, doubt and sometimes even despair, often appear to have the upper hand.

It is sad that so many people go through life without realising in a personal way that God loves them as they are. Others find it difficult to believe in hope and love because of the present state of the world – surrounded as we are by so much war, violence, exploitation and displacement of people, human trafficking and attacks on human dignity and life. All the more reason, however, for us who believe to be fearless ambassadors of faith and hope; energetic peacemakers and supporters of the cause of all human life; carers for the sick and those with disabilities; consolers of the lonely and the bereaved; faithful stewards and protectors of the environment and all God's creation; generous helpers of the poor, the homeless and the marginalised; and welcoming friends for migrants and refugees.



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