

## **Advent Message 2017**

*The Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name  
His mercy is from age to age  
to those who fear him. (Luke 1:49-50)*

These words from Mary instruct hope is eternal. It even can be hidden from an untrained eye without the perspective of faith, faith in an ever-present and all merciful God. In the land of Palestine over 2000 years ago, a young virgin was pregnant with a little boy who by his very presence would re-create a world made to be good.

Advent reminds us that the success of our Christian mission directly depends on our ability to embrace and to share the immense love of Mary, the Mother of God. Together, as fellow pilgrims on a journey, we venture with humble hearts readying us to kneel at our Savior's cradle this Christmas morn.