




THE  
NATIONAL  
SHRINE OF **Mary**  
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



The Christmas season and New Year are upon us! A time for family and fellowship. A time to reflect on our past while we make New Year's resolutions and look to the future. I invite you to join me in reflecting on the many blessings in your own life, and to praise the Lord and be full of hope and kindness for all to see. Let us meet the challenges and opportunities ahead by working together in God's presence, under the maternal mantle of the Blessed Mother. As the New Year begins, we remember Mary's divine motherhood. She is mother of the Prince of Peace and our mother too. May you and your loved ones be blessed with peace, hope and health this Christmas time and throughout the New Year!

Yours in Mary, Mother of the Church

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