New Year’s Message 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Another year has come and gone. A brand new year stretches before us. We all look forward to a new year. A new year is like the book of our life continuing. It’s like a blank page, a new chapter that is not yet written but full of possibilities. What wonderful things will the next chapter contain? What sad events will be unfolded in its pages? Like our mother, Mary, we will have many times in the new year when we will experience joy and blessings. Also
like Mary, we know there may be difficult days ahead, with suffering and loss.

We are the authors of our lives. Some parts we are in control of and we write ourselves. Other parts happen to us and we choose how we respond, how we react. In both situations we end up living with the consequences of the choices we make.

It is at these moments in our lives, that Mary constantly invites us to reach out to her, to pray to her for courage to keep our faith alive in spite of the pain, sorrow and loneliness. She will take our needs and lay them before our God.

We must be mindful of how we live because our time on this earth is limited. We need to live each day with God by our side. God wants us to live happy, abundant lives without fear of whatever we may be facing today or, perhaps, coming tomorrow. God’s word to his people is always “Fear not.” Did you know that the words, “Fear not” is repeated 365 times in the Bible? Three hundred and sixty-five times! That’s once for every day in the year! Whatever happens in 2022, God is with us and in control of the situation. We need not fear. Things will unfold as they should.

Let’s make 2022, a year lived with joy, gratitude and without regret. I hope and pray that all the goals you have set in your new year’s resolutions be reached with love and peace. May God always be your advisor in life.

Thank you for your support, prayers and actions that have been such a blessing to me during the past year. I keep you all in my prayers.

May God bless your family with renewed faith, prosperity, good health, and happiness in the New Year.

I wish you all a very blessed and Happy New Year!

Fr. Ignatius Tran