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**Archbishop Robert J. Carlson's Christmas Message Offers Prayers of
Comfort, Compassion, Forgiveness, and Hope**

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ST. LOUIS – In his annual Christmas message, the Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, reflects on the image of the Nativity Scene, and what the Baby Jesus and His Holy Family mean for all of the faithful. As part of his message, he shares the following:

"The message of fraternity and love from the Baby Jesus transcends the test of time. We must respond to that love with celebration, prayer and charity as we share that love with others. Despite our failings, we are commissioned with the beautiful duty to offer comfort, compassion, forgiveness and hope. We do that by showing care and concern for family, friends, and strangers—by striving to love all of humanity as Jesus does."

Archbishop of St. Louis

- Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson

Archbishop Carlson's video message can be viewed and downloaded on the Advent and Christmas landing page at archstl.org/Advent-Christmas. If you wish to share it on your media platforms, the Archdiocese of St. Louis kindly asks that you please direct your audience to archstl.org to view the entire message.

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