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Your Holiness,

Beloved Brother in Christ

*"Go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found him bring me word again that I may come and worship him also".*

*(Matthew 2:8)*

Thus King Herod spoke to the wise men from the east, but his was no genuine search for the Truth. An evil plan was in his heart, which he was shortly and disastrously to try to realise.

In the early days of the Christian Church many, like Herod, gave scant welcome to the Good News about Jesus Christ: "Some mocked and others said, 'We will hear thee again of this matter'" (Acts 17:32). To-day as well, too many people disregard Him and his offer of salvation and fill their lives with things of small worth and passing appeal.

"Seek and ye shall find" (Matthew 7:7). The wise men sought diligently until they found the Christ-child, rejoicing on their way "with exceeding great joy"; and coming to Him they "fell down and worshipped him".

May our search for the Truth also be unswerving in purpose and joyful in discovery, and may we, Your Holiness, at this Christmastide be "of one heart and of one soul" (Acts 4:32) together in our worship of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

With warmest Greetings in celebration of our Saviour's Nativity.

Your Holiness's ever affectionate Brother in Christ,

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His Holiness Yeghishe Derderian

