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**THE PEACE AND BLESSING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
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I am sure you and your children have made some nice New Year's Resolution. Just one and I hope to keep it! Mine has been a renewal of my commitment with the Holy Spirit. The first was made by my parents and god-parents at baptism, then renewed at Confirmation and at the Ordination to the Priesthood (47 years ago). The Christian family in the words of Pope John Paul II is an "Icon of Trinity". As living temples of the Holy Spirit you are called to live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who is the "principal agent of evangelisation" in all our ministry of families to families. We have to open our hearts and family groups to the Holy Spirit. He sets fire in our heart and in our domestic churches (our families). Jesus told us: " I have come to cast fire into the world". In our daily spiritual life, including that of your sons and daughters, we have to invite the Holy Spirit to make your family "a sign and image of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 0.25). Pray and discern how your home may become " the living temple of the Holy Spirit", where daily through LOVE, GIVING and Suffering you may all grow in the Spirit. Try a dialogue how you can SHARE together this Spiritual growth in the Spirit. When praying assemble together all the family and your groups, invoke the Holy Spirit through your prayers to strengthen, renew and heal your faith and love in Jesus Christ. This can be a resolution, which you can nurture daily throughout the year. May the Holy Spirit guide you and protect you now and always. Every first day of the month I will celebrate a Mass for the intention of ICCFM and all its members. Arrivederci !

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