



# The Holy See

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**VIDEO MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER  
TO THE COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH OF EGYPT FOR THE DEDICATION  
OF THE NEW CATHEDRAL OF THE NATIVITY NEAR CAIRO**

**[Multimedia]**

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

With joy I greet you all on the happy occasion of the dedication of the new Cathedral of the Nativity, built in the New Administrative Capital.

May the Prince of Peace give Egypt, the Middle East and the whole world the gift of peace and prosperity.

I address a special greeting to my dear Brother, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, and to the dear Coptic Orthodox Church, which has been able to bear a true testimony of faith and love even in the most difficult moments.

Dear brothers and sisters, you have martyrs who give strength to your faith. Thank you for your example.

I address a respectful greeting to the Egyptian government and to Mr President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

In the new Cathedral may the worship of God on high always be welcome, and may there descend His blessing and peace on earth for all men, whom God loves.

Merry Christmas!

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