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I hope you have a blessed Advent and Christmas. May God's light in Jesus warm you within and surround you without. May you be blessed and may you bless others. One way I hope you seek to love kindness and be a blessing is through contributing to this year's bishop's Advent offering which will again be dedicated to disaster relief, here in Michigan, in the United States, and throughout the world. Thank you for considering a gift to this special effort.

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