

in a later issue. Nevertheless a few words may not be amiss. For a few centuries after the first Jubilee proclamation it was necessary in order to gain the indulgences to make the journey to Rome and visit her basilicas. Since the time of Alexander VI. it has been the custom of the Sovereign Pontiffs to extend the Jubilee to the whole world; and the present Holy Father, following in the footsteps of his predecessors, will on Christmas eve proclaim the indulgences to the Universal Church. The Holy Year has invariably been one of penance and prayer, and the coming year will be no exception. The Church at all times calls her children to do penance for their own sins and for the sins of others, but during the Jubilee year she exhorts them to still greater fervor. The innumerable crimes and scandals of the past century still cry to heaven for vengeance, and man has always need of penance and prayer. The members of the Apostleship of Prayer are called upon in a special manner to pray during the month of December for the success of the Jubilee, and God grant that their prayers be heard.

**CHRISTMAS
GREETING.**

Many and varied have been the Christmas strains since that first night when the Choirs of Angels sent forth their celestial Glorias and Hosannas. But none have so touched the hearts of men as that glorious cry: "Peace on earth, good will to men." When wishing the blessings of the Season to our Superiors and Professors, to our fellow-students and many friends we find none better to wish them than true peace of heart, and we join with the angels in singing: *Glory to God in the Highest and peace on earth to men of good-will.*

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