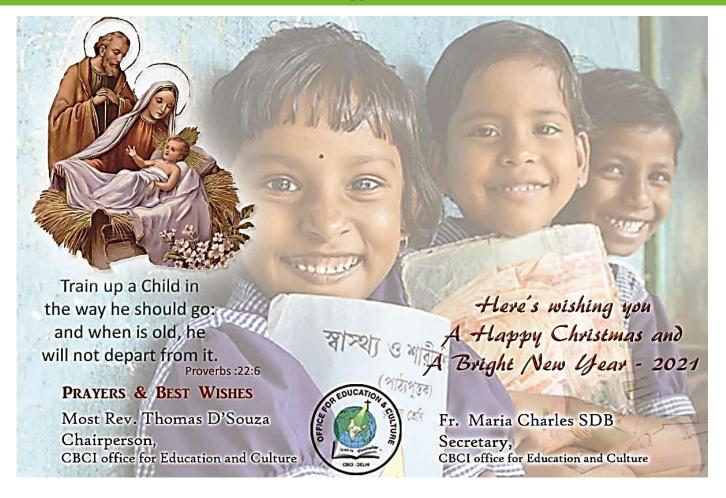


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His Eminences, Lordships, Graces, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters!

Peace and Joy of Christmas to all of you from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture!

In the name of the Chairperson, Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza, Archbishop of Kolkata and the member Bishops Most Rev. Andrews Thazhath and Most Rev. John Moolachira, may I wish you Grace-filled Christmas and a New Year full of hope and blessings!

The year 2020 has been a challenging year for the entire world with the spread of pandemic and its consequences. 73 million

people had been affected by the virus and more than 1.6 million have succumbed to it. For us in the ministry of Education, the regular school life had been interrupted and particularly in India, with the arrival of National Education Policy 2020, many challenges await us.

As always, Christmas gives us hope and love to overcome all types of challenges and start a fresh a New Year 2021 filled with peace and a renewed enthusiasm!

Following the precepts of Jesus our Educator, may we strive to educate and mentor each child in our care with wisdom and loving kindness!

With Joy and Hope! Fr. Maria Charles SDB