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**“O wonderful exchange!**

“God became a Child of man so that the human race could become children of God... but it is not enough to kneel down once a year in front of the manger and allow oneself to be taken in by the spell of the Holy Night. One must be actively engaged with God one’s entire life long, listen to the words which he spoke ... and then comply with these words. ...

“The Incarnation inaugurated the beginning of a new chance in human history for all persons to learn to love like God by imitating Jesus Christ, by loving without limits, without strangers, and without fear. . . . Therefore our love of others is the measure of our love of God.”

*“The Mystery of Christmas”, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), martyred at Auschwitz, 1942*

**With my prayers and best wishes for a blessed Christmas 2018  
and a New Year of peace, joy and trust in God’s loving providence**

**Father Peter Sabbath**

