

The Shinmeizan Center

Of Prayer And Interreligious Dialogue,

Beginning On November 23rd, 2015, Its 29th Year,

Wishes

True Joy At Christmas
And Lasting Peace In The New Year

To All Those Who, Also This Year,

Have Shared Its Life, Its Activity,

And Walked Together The Paths Of Interreligious Dialogue,

Renewing Its Commitment To Prayer And Dialogue

So That The Peace Of Christmas May Bring Wars To An End,

Its Light Shine In Our Darkness

And Love May Triumph

A note on the Nativity scene of the Christmas Letter of this year

The statues are the product of a local Japanese artist from Miyazaki, Sakamoto Kaneji. The background is a view of the surrounding woods of Shinmeizan. This "natural setting" is meant to connect Christmas, this year, with the Encyclical letter of Pope Francis on the "Care for our common house, the earth", where He also calls on interreligious cooperation for the care of nature, especially in defense of the poor, the first victims of its destruction (n. 201).