

Greetings of Peace and Hope to Our Dear Friends

We all need guiding stars to show us the way. The Magi followed the star to a manger in Bethlehem, where they received an epiphany:

**God incarnate born
to a carpenter and a peasant girl.**

T. S. Eliot points out that the Magi Kings, possessed by belief in a foreign God, would have bewildered their own people returning to their kingdoms. They were “no longer at ease here... with an alien people clutching their gods.” The returning Magi felt like outsiders in their own kingdoms.

They experienced a transformation that had a note of alienation to it. Transformations are sometimes portrayed as something to be welcomed. Yet, they do not happen without a struggle as the familiar is transformed into the unfamiliar.



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May our hearts and our actions be in solidarity with all the world's refugees

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The Journey Of The Magi

*[...] All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down*

This set down

*This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt.*

*I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death our death.*

*We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.*

I should be glad of another death.

Joy Pitar and her sons, Kenny and Alex, received their Canadian citizenship this Jan 03. Like the Magi, they too made a long journey to become Canadian citizens. They shared that they felt Christ's presence throughout their journey. Christ is present with all refugees .

Was not He Himself a refugee in Egypt?

Christ accompanies refugees as a star of light and hope. Joy, Kenny and Alex trust God leading them to transformation. They are now Canadian citizens and their identities have further bloomed. They represent the hope of all refugees and migrants who yearn for safety, freedom and belonging.

As you surmise, Joy, Kenny and Alex also represent each one of us. We too are on a journey. God calls us to allow ourselves to be led away from the familiar into the deep waters of the unfamiliar. He lives in our hearts like a fiery star lighting up the night sky.