

## GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

An Editorial

**T**HIS CHRISTMAS ISSUE of *Dominicana* is devoted to joy—the joy of the first Christmas and of the present Christmas. The infectious smile lighting up the face of the angel on the frontispiece expresses very concretely what the articles in this issue have attempted to portray—the joy of the first Christmas as witnessed by the participants in the Gospel account of the Nativity. It is a simple story, so simple that one never tires of hearing its joyful message repeated.

The good news is the coming of the Son of God! In former times He came to us in a manger at Bethlehem; today He comes to us from a Tabernacle. So too does the sign of His presence differ. The shepherds were told that as a sign they would “find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” To us, like the disciples at Emmaus, it is given to know Him in “the breaking of bread.” But whether the sign be a new-born babe or a bit of bread, it is the real presence of Christ the Saviour welcomed in human hearts that gives meaning to Christmas.

May this Christmas issue of *Dominicana* increase your measure of joy in His coming!