# "The Birth of Baby Jesus"... 

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE - :

"[At that time, Mary] gave birth to her firstborn Son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7) ${ }^{1}$

## Meditation on the Mystery:

Let us begin to empty the cave of our heart, and not be too busy with the things of the world - unlike the innkeepers of Bethlehem, who did not recognize, in that poor and needy family, the Holy Family. "WHAT A PITY IT IS TO BE DISTRACTED." (cf. SLC, p. 14)

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to not being distracted, Pope Benedict XVI says: "Born among us, may Jesus... not find us distracted or occupied in simply making our houses beautiful. Rather, let's prepare in our souls ... a worthy dwelling, where He feels welcomed with faith and love". (Benedict XVI, General Audience, 20 December 2006)


## ${ }^{1}$ NABRE (USCCB)



