Best wishes for the holidays from Collegeville

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At the Saint John’s and Saint Ben’s Christmas celebration at the Town and Country Club earlier this month, we revived an old tradition of singing Silent Night in German. The history of the song goes back to Austria in 1818 and it has been recorded more than 700 times in the past 40 years. The CSB/ SJU alumni are not quite ready for a public performance, but you might enjoy some other versions that were featured on NPR recently.

And in Collegeville, we’ve wrapped up classes, the snow has fallen and the tree is trimmed. As we prepare for the birth of Christ, I hope you’ll enjoy the sights and sounds of Saint John’s in this video greeting.

Merry Christmas to all and blessings to you in the New Year!

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