



It has been a really difficult year for the whole world and even more for the Scout Associations which could not do Scouting and had to organize themselves differently.

We know that many of you did your best to carry out activities as well as possible, whilst following COVID rules set by the authorities, but we also know that, for the lovers of real Scouting, it was not exactly what they would have chosen to do.

Under these circumstances, the best of you emerged, you stood strong and moved forward!

On Sunday, December 19, 2020, Pope Francis said: *"In this difficult time, instead of complaining about what the pandemic is preventing us from doing, let's do something for those who have less. Not another gift for us and our friends, but for someone that no one thinks about who needs something. It is consumerism that has stolen Christmas from us."*

Let's roll up our sleeves then and continue to do our best to be prepared for a new year that will be much better than this one that just passed.

On behalf of the whole SC we sincerely wish you a happy Christmas and new year with your first family and also with your second family, which is the Scout one.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you again when it is safe to do so.