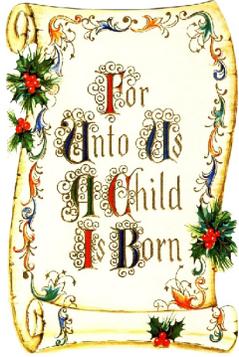


December 2021



Dear Friends,

Advent has just begun, the time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior. We light a candle in the Advent wreath - one each Sunday for hope, faith, joy and peace, their light reminding us of the light that Christ brought into the world on the first Christmas.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us, memories of goodness and thus open the doors of hope." During this special season, our thoughts turn gratefully to you, when the Little Sisters and the Residents will be offering prayers of thanksgiving for **your** goodness and devotion to our Home. You are our **light** in the darkness, giving us **hope** as we face financial challenges. Our **faith** in Divine Providence is rewarded like St. Joseph as he awaited with **love** for the child Jesus and we know that through your selfless generosity we will be able to care for our Residents. You bring **joy** into their lives by your generosity, helping to provide for all that they need. We are at **peace** in the knowledge that you and yours, our dear benefactors, are always there for us - our support as you share in our mission to the elderly.

As we begin the holiday season, we should all reflect on these words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis; "We should be joyful no matter what our external circumstances might be." Advent and Christmas is at the heart of Christian joy, hope, faith, love and peace. If we take these words to heart and bring them to life in our everyday lives, we too, will discover the fulfillment of the season of Advent and Christmas with us through the New Year with a new vision of hope, faith, joy, peace and love. Therefore, it is our Christmas wish that you enjoy the holy season knowing that you are always thought of kindly and prayed for perpetually in return for all of the good that you have done and continue to do for our Residents and our Home.

Wishing you and yours, the Spirit of Christmas which is *Peace*, the Gladness of Christmas which is *Hope*, and the Heart of Christmas which is *Love*. May God light your way and lead you into a New Year that shines with His special *Joy*.

Gratfully,

Sr. Mary Thomas I.S.P.

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Events in 2022: The Irish 50/50 Raffle on March 17th,
St. Jeanne Jugan 50/50 Raffle on August 30th and the Annual
Basket Bonanza on May 17th. Visit our website for information.
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