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Dear Friend of the CND,

As we become more deeply involved in the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, we become aware each year of the reality of God's gift to us of his Son, Jesus.

*The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

—John 1:14

We contemplate the mystery of God's love in this event which changes the way we are present to each other and all those we meet every day. Each one is a gift and we are called to spend time unfolding the gift of each person realizing that they show us an aspect of the face of God. And in our card for you, we see Mary, Jesus' mother, lifting up her Son, Jesus, to each of us.

You have the opportunity in our Christmas Appeal to join with our retired and infirmed Sisters in bringing Christ to those to whom they minister. In previous newsletters, we highlighted our Sisters who are actively retired, meaning they are quite busy doing many things which comfort many people.

It is unknown how many people have been served meals, had Eucharist brought to them, how many afghans have been crocheted, how many have been consoled, counseled, led in prayer, visited in nursing homes and their own homes, how many children have been taught in religious classes, how many adults received into the church through the RCIA program, how many students have been taught, tutored, how many teachers have been mentored, how many have been directed in prayer during retreats and through the year, how many classes have been taught in parishes and centers for renewal, how many baby sets have been knitted, **how many prayers have been said for each of you**, and YES, this is all accomplished by our Sisters whom many would consider "retired" and finished with their work.

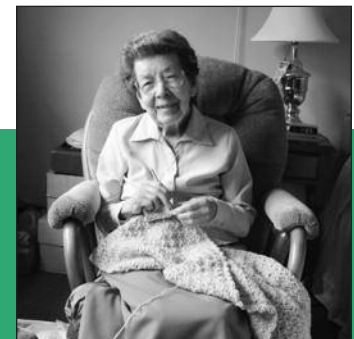
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Each day Sister Theresa Chaloux prepares the altar for Mass.



Sister Dorothy Siemsen is a very talented woman. She has won recognition by NYS and there is an article about her work on our website, www.cnd-m.org.



Sister Marie Elaine Lachance is busy crocheting another baby blanket for a precious little one who needs extra warmth this upcoming winter.

All this happens at Andrus, Lourdes and in our places of ministry throughout the US. These sisters have celebrated their Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

It takes a lifetime to realize the tremendous gift we have received in Jesus Christ and yet this is exactly what our Sisters try to reveal in their lives of prayer and service to all whom Jesus loved, to all to whom they minister.

You have the opportunity, with this Christmas Appeal, to participate with our Sisters in their ministries. Your contribution will be put at the disposal of the Kingdom which Jesus challenged us to bring to fruition. All our work is for the fulfillment of His plan and that work continues regardless of our age.

Your contribution “is a form of ministry and as such it can be as spiritual as giving a sermon, entering a time of prayer, visiting the sick or feeding the hungry”. (Rev. Henri Nouwen.)

You are in our prayers asking that the gift of Jesus will continue to increase in each of you. May your gift to our Sisters increase a hundred-fold in your life this Christmas and always.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy, CND

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Development Director

*We thank you for all your generosity;
be assured of our prayers.*



Sisters Mary Driscoll, Elizabeth Scully, Marie Elaine Lachance, Marylin Stack, Anne Scappini, Rita Pinault, Theresa Chaloux, Dorothy Siemsen and Rosemary Duffy.

