



## CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME

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*Christmas 2011*

Dear Friend of the CND,

During your time as a student, you may have had a special teacher that you remember. It may have been the Sister who helped you with a particularly difficult segment in Math or Science or the one who attended every basketball or football game to support your team.

You may have had a Sister who spent time with you when you were going through a difficult time or needed to make an important decision. Hopefully you had someone like that for whom you have fond memories.

You continue to be prayed for and remembered with great affection by our Sisters. Their memories of you bring them much happiness and consolation because they know that they may have, in some way, contributed to your success and happiness.

Christmas reminds us all of the birth of Jesus Christ and the great gift His life was and continues to be for us. It is a time for gift-giving to those whom we love and cherish.

*(over please...)*

*And why not a gift to our Sisters?*



Sister Mary Gillespie, CND  
(S. Agnes of the Sacred Heart)

Sister Margaret Giroux, CND  
(S. Patricia Marie)

Sister Mary Joyce, CND  
(S. Mark of Rome)

Our lives as Women Religious in the CND revolve around three essentials: Prayer, Community, Ministry. Our Sisters are a constant example to many of their faithfulness to these values.

- Sister Marie Elaine Lachance, CND knits baby afghans and outfits at Andrus.
- Sister Mary Joyce, CND and Sister Mary Gillespie, CND crochet numerous afghans throughout the year at Holy Cross Convent in Waterbury, CT
- Sister Dorothy Siemsen, CND creates unique crafts which she sells at Andrus and contributes the funds to the CND.
- At Andrus and at Lourdes our Sisters reach out to the other residents and their families in a spirit of Visitation.
- Sister Margaret Giroux ministers in the Red Cloud Indian School Development Office in Pine Ridge, SD answering the letters of benefactors who ask for prayers or who just like to keep in touch. She also crochets many afghans and bakes a lot of bread!

*You are ever present in their thoughts and prayers.*

The mystery of the Visitation speaks to us of hospitality and you can be assured of a warm welcome when you visit our Sisters at Andrus, Lourdes or in their homes.

As you can see, our Sisters stay as active as possible for as long as possible! And there are many more Sisters who do extraordinary work but most of all they pray for you. Prayer is their primary ministry.

- Your gift this Christmas will support our Sisters in their needs at this time of their lives.
- **100% of your donation will support our Sisters' Health and Retirement.**
- You will continue to be remembered in their thoughts and prayers.

You are wished a very Happy Christmas and an abundance of Blessings in the New Year!

Gratefully,

*Kathleen Murphy, CND*

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