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Dear Friend of the CND,

Christmas is a time when you once again remember the tremendous love that God has for us in sending Jesus, His Son, as our Savior. This was and continues to be the ultimate gift of life for each of us. During this time you will also honor your families and friends with gifts as a way of expressing your love and thanks for each one as they enrich your life. And so, once again, we bring the gift to mind that our Sisters have been and continue to be for all those with whom they come in contact.

What a wonderful group of Woman Religious we have in our CND community!

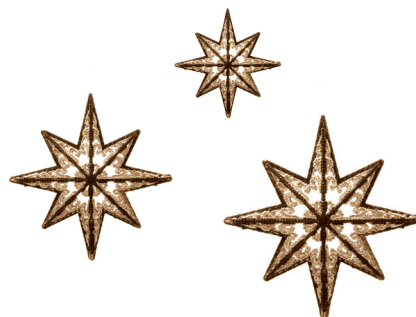
And I am just not talking about those who are in active ministry in parishes, schools, nursing homes, neo-natal care units, environmental arenas, peace and justice activities.

No, I am also speaking about those Sisters whom society would consider “retired” and “taking it easy”. Our CND sisters who are “Retired” really aren’t.

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Sr. Nancy O'Neill (S. Alberta Frances), former music teacher, loves to encourage resident, Genevieve Marone, to sing and dance. Genevieve was a talented chorister at Rockefeller Center for many years.



Sr. Eileen Kelly (S. Sean of Mary), enjoys participating in the book club with resident, Mrs. Peggy Klein.



Sr. Carolyn Kinnamon, Archivist for Andrus and Richard Wager, President of the Resident Council, meet and discuss current issues involving the residents of Andrus.



Sr. Mary Joyce (S. Mark of Rome), and all CND Sisters pray for our benefactors and loved ones each day.



Sr. Edith Laflamme (S. Pauline), past treasurer for CND, enjoys corresponding with family and friends through the community computer.

In whatever place they find themselves, they are constantly reaching out to others with whom they come in contact, whether it is in the parishes where they live, Andrus or Lourdes Health Care Centers.

When our Sisters moved to Andrus in April 2004, they began to see the opportunities for Visitation experiences with the other residents. Having liturgy available everyday was another gift that they brought to the residents of Andrus who were and continue to be in need of comfort and prayer.

At Lourdes, our Sisters participate in many of the activities provided by the staff and while they cannot lead as before, their interest in helping others is greatly appreciated.

Most of all, our Sisters pray for you each day and I hope this strengthens you and brings you comfort and peace. You have shared your joys and sorrows with us through your special intentions or enrollments and it is our honor to pray for you, especially during the Christmas season.

For many of you, these “retired” Sisters were your teachers and mentors, and even today, some continue to keep in touch with you, welcoming your phone calls, emails, and letters.

And now it is Christmas and your gift in support of our Sisters during their retirement and illnesses will be deeply appreciated.

We are so grateful for your continued generosity and support which enables us to provide the simple joys of life for our Sisters.

Each Christmas we come once again to the manger, seeing there Mary and Joseph welcoming their child into the world, a concrete sign of God’s unending love for us. As you come to the manger, may you reflect on this gift and this outpouring of God’s love for you.

In gratitude,
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PS: Please be assured that our thank you continues in the prayers we offer for you and your loved ones each day.