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Dear Friend,

"I grew up in an abusive home. There was no one I could turn to. You didn't tell anyone you lived in an abusive home. I learned to share my secret with Jesus and our Blessed Mother. The image of Jesus on the Cross was my strength. It gave me courage and comforted me because I believed He knew what I was going through. Jesus on the cross continues to be my strength even now in adulthood."

We often hear stories like this, stories of people carrying secret burdens. Perhaps someone has shared their burden with you. Or perhaps you also are carrying a secret burden. No words can adequately soothe the heart or dry the tears of those who suffer – whatever the reason. When we face pain or loss, only our Faith can see us through.

That is why we offer this beautiful Crucifix in our gift shop, the most important and precious sign of our Faith. I invite you to look at it as a reminder of God's unconditional, infinite, amazing, incredible love. The Crucifix is the ultimate proof of God's love for us. More He could not do; less He would not do. In the busyness of my daily life, I need to be reminded of that – and often!

Sister Mary Kathleen suffered an accident that left her almost paralyzed in her early years. She has since regained mobility but she lives in constant pain. She says what carried her through those dark days of being bed-ridden as a young person, and even now in her pain, is contemplating Jesus on the Cross and uniting her suffering to His. That gives her the strength to carry on because she knows she is not alone in her pain and suffering.

Friend, daily we touch the lives of so many looking for the strength to carry on. Families, once independent, now needing to visit our Food Pantry. Mothers with small children, looking to our Homeless Shelter to help them get back on their feet.

In the face of so much need and pain, we Sisters of Charity look to the Crucifix. There we see love poured out, and we strive to imitate that love in our ministries. The need is great, and we cannot do it alone. Will you stand with us once again? **Friend, if you can assist us with your most generous offering your means allow, we would be deeply grateful.**

Because of your goodness, our Sister-teachers and principals nourish the faith and impact the lives of the young people in our schools.

Your kindness assists our Sister-nurses to provide compassionate care for the treasured elderly in our nursing homes.



For Sister Mary Kathleen, uniting her sufferings to Jesus on the Cross carried her through the year-long dark days of being bedridden as a young person after an accident. Now as then the cross gives her hope and strength.

Your thoughtfulness provides the means for our Sisters to be a supportive presence to the poor and less fortunate, especially those who visit our Food Pantry and families seeking refuge in our Homeless Shelter.

Your generosity ensures that our young Sisters receive the professional and spiritual formation they need to carry on the mission of the Sisters of Charity.

Your faithfulness helps us care for our dear elderly and infirm Sisters with the love and dignity they deserve, after a life poured out in loving service, in imitation of Our Crucified Lord.

None of this can happen without your faithful generosity. These are challenging times for all of us but for some, the challenge is overwhelming. You help us reflect the unconditional love of Our Crucified Lord to those we serve.

In good times and bad, in joy and sorrow, gaze lovingly upon the Crucifix. See in the face of Jesus, your Lord and Savior, He who loved you to the end. It will give you comfort and strength to carry on when your own burdens rest heavily upon your heart.

The Crucifix remind you that you are not alone. To have a Crucifix in your hand and know that you are loved – infinitely and unconditionally! Or perhaps you might like to gift it to a friend or family member who carries a burden and needs to be reminded of that love.

The Sisters and I pray daily for you. A beautiful Crucifix hangs over the Altar in our Motherhouse Chapel. When we meet for prayer together and we gaze at it with love, we will think of you and ask our loving God to bless you abundantly. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Sisters of Charity and those we serve. Please pray for us.

Gratefully, in Mary Mother of our Crucified Lord,

Mother Marie Julie, SCMC

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Superior General

Do you have a prayer request you would like us to bring to Our Lord? Please send us your prayer request and if you are able to assist us with a gift in any amount, we would be truly grateful.



Sister Maria Teresa (l.) and Sister Immaculata thank you for your faithfulness in caring for our dear elderly and infirm Sisters. They have poured out their lives in loving service, in imitation of Our Crucified Lord.



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PRAYER INTENTIONS.