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Dear Friend,

I think we would all agree. It's never been easy being a mother.

I like the story of the overworked mother of three very active boys. One evening she was playing cops and robbers with her sons in the back yard. One of the boys "shot" his mother and yelled, "Bang! You're out." She slumped to the ground. When she didn't get up, a neighbor ran over to see if she had been injured in the fall. As the neighbor bent over the young mom, she whispered, "Shhh. Don't say anything. This is the only chance I've had to rest all day!"

Being a mother is probably the most demanding job in the world. And it was no easier for Mary, the mother of Jesus. Life was terribly difficult for a poor family in Nazareth. After Jesus' 12th birthday, the Scriptures don't tell us anything about St. Joseph. He probably died young, as many men did back then.

Friend, have you ever thought of Our Blessed Mother as a single Mom? How did she support her little family? Maybe this is why Jesus didn't begin His public ministry until He was 30 years old. Perhaps Mary needed His help until then.

Imagine how Our Blessed Mother's heart must have been broken to see Jesus hanging on the cross as she looked upon His broken body? Her wonderful son hanging in shame and disgrace like a common criminal, He who only loved, healed and helped others.

Mary was a woman of great faith. Her outstanding trust in God was a powerful source of strength for the early Christian community, and for the Church throughout the ages. Mary is the spiritual mother of all God's children.

In our ministries of sheltering the homeless, caring for those who visit our Food Pantry, caring for the poor and down-and-out, we Sisters of Charity strive to imitate Our Blessed Mother in being a spiritual mother to those in need.

Your gift will provide the resources for our Sisters to be messengers of hope to those we serve. The hungry, the homeless, the elderly, families in distress, immigrants seeking a home, the children we teach, the sick we assist ... all are significantly aided by your kind and generous charity.



Mother Katherine, Director of Pastoral Care at St. Elizabeth Manor in WI, always looks forward to those special moments that she spends with the residents.

On August 15th, the Church celebrates the glorious feast of Our Blessed Mother's Assumption into Heaven. **This celebration of our hope of reaching Heaven after death, is a very special day for the Sisters of Charity.** It's the day on which many of us vowed ourselves to God forever as a Sister of Charity.

We invite you to be with us as we celebrate this feast. Let us pray for you and your loved ones in the Special Novena of Masses celebrated in our Motherhouse Chapel beginning on August 15th and concluding on August 22nd, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. Send us your prayer requests.

The Sisters want to pray for your special intentions . . . your health needs, your family difficulties, your marriage concerns, your financial worries . . . your peace of mind and heart. Please be sure to complete the enclosed reply card and mail it to us as soon as you can. I also ask for your generosity in supporting the Sisters and our ministries as we serve God's poor and needy.

You should have received a beautiful gift from the Sisters of Charity – a Rosary Case designed especially for you – to express our heartfelt thanks for your faithful goodness to us. The inspiring image of Our Blessed Mother, holding her Son, will remind you that She holds you just as surely as she holds her Divine Son. Use it to carry and protect your Rosary. It can also hold other small items that are important and precious to you. I'm never without mine.

It's true! It's never been easy being a mother. If you are a mother, you know that. How blessed we are to have our Heavenly Mother, Mary, to watch over us through all the struggles of our lives. When life is difficult and you need Our Blessed Mother's help, run to her and know that she holds you tenderly in her heart, as she entrusts your needs to the powerful and compassionate love of her Divine Son.



In the Love of Jesus and Mary,

Mother Marie Julie, SCMC
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Superior General

The beautiful Rosary Case you received can also be used to carry and protect other items that are valuable and precious to you. You may even want to give it as a gift to someone else.

Please be sure to send us your prayer requests on the reply card even if you can't offer a gift at this time. We're hoping to hear from you by August 11th so we can pray for your intentions at all the Holy Masses celebrated in our Mother house Chapel August 15-22. God bless you now and always.



Sister Mary Jane finds that even as a teacher she often needs to be a spiritual mother to her students.



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