



## Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

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Dear Friend of the Sisters,

There are so many beautiful legends about Christmas, aren't there! One of my favorites is the Little Drummer Boy, made famous by the lovely and popular Christmas carol. That poor little boy watched from a distance as people came bringing gifts to lay at the manger for the Christ Child. He longed to bring a gift also. But he was so poor, he had nothing. What could *he* offer to place alongside such impressive gifts!



Then he thought, "I can play my drum for him." He tiptoed over to Our Blessed Mother and asked her permission. With a sweet, gentle smile, she agreed. And so, he began to play. He played all the tunes he knew. He played with all his might. He played with his whole heart. The Christ Child clapped His little hands in sheer delight. Even the animals kept time. When it was all over, the Little Drummer Boy knew that

**when you give the only thing you have, with all the love in your heart, it is the very best gift of all.**

We Sisters of Charity know that too. In our ministries of serving the poor, educating the young, caring for the sick and the aging, there is no fanfare, no trumpets – just each day pouring out our hearts in loving service to those in need, giving of ourselves with all the love in our hearts.

We know we don't do this alone. **You are with us, supporting us by your gifts, your prayers and all the love in your heart.** Will you continue to assist us? We need your help. As you prepare your heart this Christmas to receive that best of Gifts, I ask you to please consider offering a gift to the Sisters of Charity. **Your donation of whatever your means allow, will help us continue to be a gift to others.**



*Like the Little Drummer Boy, Sister Elizabeth (l.), Mother Joan Clare and all the Sisters know that when you give the only thing you have, with all the love in your heart, it turns out to be the very best gift.*

With your goodness, our Sister-teachers and administrators continue to make a difference in the lives of young people through our ministry of education.

Your kindness assists our Sister-nurses to provide long-term compassionate care for our aged and infirm brothers and sisters in our nursing homes.

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 seek help at our Homeless Shelter.

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

Your faithful contributions help us care for our elderly infirm Sisters with the love and dignity they deserve, after a life of loving service to others.

These are no small tasks, and **we need YOU to continue to make them happen!** Our retired and infirm Sisters, our young Sisters, our Sisters active in ministry count on YOU to be with us as we give the very best gift of all - our lives poured out in loving service to Christ's little ones.

We know that you too have needs and so we offer you the gift of our prayers. Send us your special intentions and we will pray for them as we joyfully celebrate the birth of Our Savior at the Holy Masses offered in our Motherhouse Chapel during the Christmas Octave, December 25 through January 1.

**I hope you like your Christmas gift from the Sisters, the beautiful Miraculous Medal pendant and chain!** Our Blessed Mother promised St. Catherine Labouré that "All who wear this medal will receive great graces." As you wear it, let it remind you that, like the Sisters of Charity, YOU belong to Our Blessed Mother and that she is always watching over you.

We are truly grateful that you share in our ministry. We could not do it without you! Like the Little Drummer Boy, the Sisters know that when you give the only thing you have, with all the love in your heart, it turns out to be the very best gift.

Thank you for being with us through your donations and your prayers. Thank you for the gift that you are to us. May you know an abundance of peace and joy this Christmas and always. We hold you and your loved ones dearly in our prayers each day. We ask for your prayers as well.

Gratefully, in Mary, Mother of the Church

*Mother Marie Julie, SCMC*

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Superior General



*(l. to r.) Sisters Joan Clare, Kateri, Marie Celeste and Mother Marie Julie preparing to lead the community in the singing of some of our favorite Christmas songs. An abundance of Christmas peace and joy to you from the Sisters!*



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**Be sure to send us your prayer requests to be remembered at the Holy Masses celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of Charity during the Christmas Octave, December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024. And please remember the ministries and needs of the Sisters in your Christmas generosity.** God bless you now and always.