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Dear *Friend of the Sisters*,

I know well the plans I have in mind for you; plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. (Jer. 29: 11)

You and I can be greatly comforted by this text from Jeremiah. I'm always encouraged to know that no matter what happens in life or what I'm going through, God –my loving Father, my Protector, my Guide, my Savior– has a plan for my life, and that plan is for my welfare, to give me a future full of hope.

God has a plan for you too, whether you are in a peaceful time or a troubling time. I hope you know and believe, without a doubt, that you are in the hands of God and He has a plan for your happiness, your peace, your welfare.

Many of us experience times in our lives when we desperately need God's help to carry on. It could be during a family crisis. Possibly it's when we, or someone we love, is diagnosed with a critical illness. Too often life confronts us with seemingly impossible difficulties for which Divine assistance is our only hope. Jesus tells us what to do in times like this. In the parable of the desperate widow who repeatedly asked the judge for help (Luke 18:1-7), Jesus told us that the heart and ear of God is always open to our humble, persistent petitions.



Sister Rafael (front), Sister Joan Marie (back), Sister Jacinta (left) and all the Sisters pray for you daily.



For Sister Marie Celeste it is a privilege to assist families in need who come to our Food Pantry.

That is why, at the beginning of this New Year, we offer a very special gift: MY TREASURED CATHOLIC NOVENAS prayer book, prepared for you by the Sisters of Charity. In it you will find the words to open your heart in humble, persistent prayer in your time of need. This sturdy, leatherette cover edition features well-loved, powerful Novenas to *St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Therese, Padre Pio, a Healing Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, and many more.*

And, if you can assist us in our need with an offering of great generosity we would be deeply grateful. Your generosity will help homeless mothers and their children who come to our shelter, the hungry who visit our food pantry, our treasured elderly in our nursing home and assisted living facilities, our young Sisters preparing to carry on the great mission of the Sisters of Charity, and our dear elder and infirm Sisters who have spent their lives bringing hope to others.

You are truly a faithful friend and generous supporter of the Sisters of Charity, and for that we are profoundly grateful. We are deeply humbled and gratified by your generosity, so, as the New Year dawns, our hearts turn to you with grateful affection, and we offer you our prayers to support you on your journey.

The Sisters and I pray for you every day. You are especially dear to our elderly and infirm Sisters. They know it's through your goodness that they can live out their golden years in peace, and so they daily ask our loving God to bless you with His peace. **Are there particular needs you would like them to bring to Our Lord in prayer? Send them to us on the enclosed reply card.**

We hope you like your **MY TREASURED CATHOLIC NOVENAS** prayer book. In a novena, like any other prayer, we may not always get what we want, but when we pray with faith, we are sure to get what we need – what God knows we need – gifts far greater than we could ever have imagined. Perhaps serenity and inner peace, the strength to carry on, enlightenment about a troubling situation, rediscovery of the beauty of prayer. Our part is simply to be faithful in our commitment to prayer.

Thank you once again for your faithful support and for keeping the Sisters of Charity in your daily prayers. It is through the kindness and generosity of wonderful, caring friends like YOU that we are able to continue to bring hope to others.

During this New Year, be comforted in knowing that no matter what happens, our Loving God and Father has a definite plan for you, a plan for your welfare not for woe, a plan to give you a future full of hope. The Lord loves you infinitely and unconditionally, dear Friend; how could it be otherwise. You are in the hearts and prayers of all the Sisters.

Gratefully, in Mary, Mother of the Church,

Mother Marie Julie, SCMC

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Superior General

I hope our gift to you of **MY TREASURED CATHOLIC NOVENAS** prayer book will assist you to grow in your devotion to Our Blessed Mother and your favorite Saints. Please use it even if you can't send us a donation. Or pass it on to someone who, at this time, needs to reach the heart and ear of God with humble, persistent petition. They will not be disappointed. God bless you. You are a treasured part of the family of the Sisters of Charity.



You are very dear to Sister Immaculata (front), Sister Francesco and all our elderly and infirm Sisters. They pray for you.



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