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Dear Friend,

A newly retired couple were enjoying their leisure days by visiting small, quaint towns to see the sights and learn about the local history. They came upon a particularly picturesque place and noticed an elderly resident sitting on his front porch. They approached him and asked, "Were any great people born in this town?" "As I recall," the old man replied, "we've only had babies born here."

You and I have the potential for greatness at our birth, but we become great people by the quality of our lives, our goodness, kindness and charity to all, and the positive contributions we offer in the lives of others. Each day, Friend, we have the opportunity to affirm, uplift, encourage and support others by our caring and concern.

For most of us, the need for love, inspiration and kindness is never more important, never more appreciated, never more urgent than when we are experiencing serious health difficulties, feeling hopeless, dealing with marriage and family problems, or suffering from heartbreaking disappointment and discouragement.



Sister Lucette knows it is your kindness that provides for the hungry families who seek help at our Food Pantry.



(l. to r.) Sister Francesco, Mother Mark, Sister Peter and all the Sisters of Charity pray daily for you in gratitude for your goodness.

Friend, that is why I am sending you the enclosed Spiritual Gift Mass Enrollment Card, with the beautiful image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, holding a lamb close to His heart. It is one of my favorites because it reminds me that Christ holds you and me close to His heart, especially during difficult times.

May I ask you to please open your heart, reach out in compassion and send this encouraging **Spiritual Gift Mass Enrollment Card for the Living** to family or friends who are ill, hospitalized, experiencing pain or suffering, or faced with personal or family problems.

I'm also enclosing here a beautiful **Perpetual Mass Enrollment Card** to send to someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. This expression of your prayerful and spiritual support is a very special gift for those who are grieving, for you are offering someone the very real hope and encouragement of knowing that their deceased loved one is being prayed for.

You are also providing them with the assurance that they are not alone. The Sisters of Charity are praying for them throughout their time of grief and sorrow.

Thankfully, you and I also know others who are celebrating happy occasions. The enclosed **Birthday Card** is a beautiful and meaningful way to share in the joy of a family member or a dear friend on their special day. There is no better birthday gift you could offer someone than to have that person included in **three Masses every month, and in the prayers of the Sisters, for a full year!** You can even enroll yourself, your children, your grandchildren or other loved ones to be remembered in these monthly Masses for one year.



(l. to r.) Mother Joan Clare, Sister Kateri, Sister Celeste and Mother Marie Julie praise the Lord for your generosity through their music.

As you use each one of these three Mass Enrollment Cards, please complete the enclosed reply form and send it to me in the envelope provided. As soon as I receive your response, **the person you enroll, whether coping with an illness or a difficulty or celebrating their birthday will be remembered for an entire year in three Masses each month in our Motherhouse Chapel.** A deceased person will be Perpetually Enrolled in Special Masses and daily prayers offered in our Motherhouse Chapel.

Our Sisters would be deeply grateful for your donations to help us care for the elderly and the sick, and to provide for the many disadvantaged, troubled and forgotten people we assist each day. **Your offering of \$15, \$20, \$10, \$25 or your most generous gift, will support us in serving the poor and needy, and provide the resources to aid those desperately seeking healing, sometimes physically, almost always emotionally and spiritually.**

Thanks to God's graces and blessings, you and I were born with the potential for greatness. But this doesn't happen automatically. We become great people through our actions of Christ-like charity and concern for others. When you open your heart and reach out to others through your use of the THREE Spiritual Gift Mass Enrollment Cards enclosed here, you will express your kindness and goodness . . . and your donation will assist the poor and needy the Sisters care for each day.

May God bless you now and always for your caring and your generosity.



Gratefully in Mary, Mother of the Church,

Mother Marie Julie, SMC

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Superior General



P.S. If you can't use these **THREE Spiritual Gift Mass Enrollment Cards** right now, please keep them handy until you can offer them to someone who needs the best spiritual gift possible: prayerful healing, hope or joy-filled good wishes. Your gift will be much more meaningful, significant and beneficial than a store-bought Sympathy, Get Well or Birthday card! And please be as generous as you can in your offering to help our Sisters care for others in need. God Bless You Always!



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WITH US YOUR
PRAYER NEEDS.