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Dear Friend,

As I write to you on this early September morning, I can feel a change in the air. The warm, humid days of summer are soon to give way to a crisp, invigorating coolness that brings with it the splendor of colorful leaves blanketing our Connecticut campus.

I truly love this time of year! Students are returning to school, and our minds begin turning toward the holiday season. It seems everyone's thoughts become a little more focused on tenderness and togetherness ... on feeding, sheltering, and caring for those who need help ... on gathering with friends and treating everyone like family.

I want to be sure you know **YOU are a treasured member of our family!**

Your kindness allows me and my Sisters to live out our vocation to serve God and our neighbors with heartfelt simplicity.

Our works of charity — truly, our very way of life — would not be possible without your generous friendship and prayerful support.

We remember you every day in our prayers before the Blessed Sacrament. If you have any special intentions you would like us to pray for, please send back your petitions to me on the enclosed form.

It is an honor and a blessing to pray for you. All of us Sisters are deeply grateful for your partnership. We give our prayers, our labor, and our lives to educating the young and caring for the poor, the marginalized, the aging, and the sick. You help supply what love alone cannot provide: school books, food, clothing, medicine, and so much more.

Friend, will you please make a gift of \$25, \$50, \$75, or your most generous offering today to help sustain our ministries?

Here are just some of the ways your love makes an impact ...

(Learn more, inside)



*Because of your kind generosity,
Sister Lucette can care for those who
come to our Homeless Shelter with
dignity and compassion.*

Shaping Young Hearts and Minds

Right now, our Sisters are welcoming students back into their classrooms at the Catholic elementary schools where we teach and at the Academy of the Holy Family (AHF), our High School located right within our Motherhouse.

We're proud to say that 100% of AHF graduates go on to colleges and universities. That wouldn't be possible without you.

Nearly 9 out of 10 AHF students need tuition assistance. Your support helps fund critically needed scholarships in addition to maintaining our campus and facilities.

The apostolate of education has been central to our mission since the Sisters of our Congregation arrived in the United States from Holland more than 150 years ago. The education you make possible is about much more than academics. You help build a lifelong foundation of faith and morality that strengthens entire families and ripples across generations.

Empowering Families to Thrive

Caring for generations is what we do at Holy Family Home & Shelter. For women and children with nowhere else to turn, you offer a new beginning. You give them a hot meal, a safe place to sleep, clean clothing, and a compassionate friend who says, "I believe in you."

Every day, we meet young mothers overwhelmed by bills and burdens ... single moms whose paychecks no longer make ends meet.

You help provide them with patient guidance, connections to work and housing, and spiritual and emotional healing so they can transform their lives and the lives of their children.

Caring for Our Immigrant Neighbors

The desire to give their children brighter, safer futures is what brought many of our immigrant neighbors to our community. They have fled violence, hunger, and unimaginable trauma. Your generosity upholds each person's dignity and provides the resources they need to help them give back and to integrate successfully into our neighborhoods.

Ministry for and with our Hispanic/Latino brothers and sisters is a vital way we serve the needs of the Catholic Church. And this ministry is only growing!

Together with you, we nourish our immigrant neighbors' faith by making Christ's love tangible through acts of care, welcome, and understanding.



*Because of YOU Sister Alexandria,
Math teacher at AHF, is always ready
to give individual attention
to her students.*

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Feeding the Poor and Vulnerable

With the holidays on the horizon, we're preparing for the annual rush at the Holy Family Food Pantry. Your gift today will help keep the shelves stocked for Thanksgiving and Christmas, so everyone in our community has something to celebrate.

The need is always greatest at the holidays, but we've been seeing more neighbors turn to us throughout the year, as rising prices make it hard for families to keep food on the table.

Because of your support, no one is turned away.

Plus, your kindness allows us to operate a choice pantry, where guests can select the items they need the most. Every gift you make is stretched further by donated goods, volunteer hands, and careful stewardship.

Forming Our Young Sisters

Your generosity also ensures that our young Sisters receive the educational and spiritual formation they need to become the next generation of teachers, nurses, and caregivers who will bring the love of Christ to our world.



YOU are with Sister Marie Celeste in her spiritual and professional formation as she prepares to carry on the mission of the Sisters of Charity.

You accompany our young Sisters from postulancy through perpetual vows by helping to house, clothe, feed, and educate them as they grow deeper in their love for the Lord and discern His will for their lives.

I'm delighted to share that Sister Marie Celeste is now a Junior Professed Sister. As part of the formation process, she renewed her vows for one year on August 15th and, after another period of one year, she will take her perpetual vows in 2027.

Her joyful heart and dedication to service are such a gift to us! Please keep her and all our young Sisters in your prayers as they continue their formation journey.

Caring for Our Elder Sisters

My prayer is that our young Sisters will be blessed with long, fruitful lives of service to Jesus, through Mary. **I also pray that friends like you will be with them in their golden years, many decades from now.**



YOU help Sister Marie Celeste meet the needs of those who come to our Food Pantry. Thank you!

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Your kindness helps care for our elder and infirm Sisters who live in the Perpetual Help Center at our Motherhouse. These remarkable women have given their lives to teaching children, nursing the sick, feeding the hungry, and comforting the grieving. Now, they rely on you for skilled nursing care they need to age with dignity.

Though they are retired from active ministry, they are never retired from prayer. Each day, they carry your intentions to the feet of our merciful Father. Our elder Sisters and I are grateful beyond words for your compassion and concern. I hope your gratitude for their lifetimes of service will move you to support them today.

Whatever you are able to contribute — financially, spiritually, or both — will help us Sisters continue to live our mission fully and faithfully in the service of God’s people.

Whether we are educating the young, caring for the elderly, or ministering to our poor and vulnerable neighbors, your generous support makes all our ministries possible. Thank you for being a part of our family. May God bless you abundantly and may our Blessed Mother hold you very close to her heart!



YOUR faithful generosity makes it possible for Sister Jacinta (standing) to provide loving care to Sister Francesco and all our elder Sisters — even on special days like her Golden Jubilee day.



Gratefully in Mary, Mother of the Church,
Mother Mary David, SCMC
Mother Mary David, SCMC
Superior General

P.S. You’ve given so much to us Sisters! We’d like to give something back to you. I’ve enclosed Sister Mark’s special recipe for PIZZA DOUGH. She is an amazing cook, and this is one of her most requested dishes here at the Motherhouse. I hope you and your family will enjoy it as much as we do.

P.P.S. Please don’t forget to write your intentions on the enclosed reply card and send them to me. It is our privilege to pray for you and your needs. God bless you!



SCAN TO SHARE WITH US
YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS





*From Our Kitchen
to Yours, with Love*

*“Cooking for my
Sisters is one of my
favorite ways to show
them how much I love
and appreciate them.
May this dish fill your
home with love, too!” — Sister Mark*

RECIPE FOR:
Homemade Pizza Dough

Ingredients:

- 4 ½ cups flour
- 2 T dry yeast or 2 pkgs.
- 2 t. sugar
- 2 t. salt
- 4 T oil
- 2 cups warm water,
110 - 120°F



- 1)** Stir all ingredients together in a mixer bowl with a large spoon until combined.
- 2)** Mix on low, then medium and high for 1 minute each. Adjust with flour or water until slightly sticky.
- 3)** Turn dough onto a work surface and fold a few times until smooth.
- 4)** Place dough in a lightly oiled bowl, cover, and let rise for 1 hr.
- 5)** Once doubled, punch down the dough. Place on a lightly sprayed baking sheet and gently stretch to the edges.
- 6)** Let rise again for 45-50 minutes. *(For a thinner crust, gently press down the dough after the second rise.)*
- 7)** Spread with sauce, sprinkle with Parmesan, add toppings, and finish with mozzarella. *(If using canned sauce, add garlic, onion, and oregano for extra flavor.)*
- 8)** Bake at 450°F for 10-12 minutes. Cool for 5-10 minutes, slice, and enjoy.

Mangia!