



Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

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Dear Friend,

What is the very best Christmas gift you've ever received? I certainly would have answered that question differently as a child. But now I recognize that the only perfect Christmas gift you and I have ever received is the One that God gave to the entire world over 2,000 years ago . . . the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

All our Christmas giving today seeks to imitate that perfect gift. And sometimes we come very close to actually getting it right . . . like Dave who works at the front desk of a big hotel. One damp, chilly November day, Dave was browsing through garage sales and thrift shops. At one of his stops, he overheard a conversation between a little girl and her mother. The child was begging her Mom to buy her a doll house. It was old and dilapidated . . . and it cost \$15.

Dave said he could see the mother struggling as she reminded her daughter that they only had enough money to buy her a winter coat. But the little girl kept begging, ***"Mommy, I won't even let myself feel the cold if I could only have that doll house."*** Dave noticed the Mom's eyes fill with tears as she hastily paid for the worn, drab winter coat she had in her hands . . . and they left.

Impulsively, Dave hopped into his car and discreetly followed them to a run-down house. He noted their address and quickly drove back to the thrift shop to buy the dilapidated doll house. He even wallpapered the kitchen. Six weeks later the doll house sparkled. It was now a colorful dream house, complete with miniature furnishings.



Your kindness helps Sister Marie Andre fill more than our Food Pantry. YOU help nourish our mission of charity every day.

In the cold dawn of Christmas morning, Dave loaded his treasure into his car and drove to the little girl's house. He gently, carefully placed the doll house near the front door. It was wrapped in a big red bow with a letter from Santa. Dave quietly drove away and spent the rest of his Christmas day working at the hotel. He later confided to a friend: "The feeling of fulfillment I had in leaving that dream house was the very best Christmas gift I've ever received."

Friend, your Christmas donation of \$25, \$50, \$75 or whatever you are able to give, provides your Sisters with the resources to continue our ministries to those who are suffering this Christmas. With your help, like Dave, we can make the love of Jesus Christ a reality for those whose Christmas may sadly be lacking in beauty, joy and love.



YOU are in our hearts and prayers as we celebrate the gift of Christ's love - the perfect Christmas gift.

Such self-giving love like Dave’s seems unusual in our often-insensitive world. But is it really? I can tell you, dear friend, that more than you will ever know your charitable giving to the Sisters of Charity imitates that wonderful, heart-felt sharing. Your Christmas contribution, along with your kind and generous donations throughout the year, truly are your anonymous doll houses . . . to the children your Sisters teach . . . to parents, sometimes poor and low-paid, who come to our Holy Family Food Pantry for groceries . . . to families seeking housing assistance at our Holy Family Shelter . . . to the elderly and infirm who our Sisters care for with tender love and goodness in our nursing facilities.

In gratitude for your Christmas charity, and in honor of the great love of the Holy Mother of Jesus, **our Sisters offer you the enclosed beautiful Our Lady of Grace / Miraculous Medal Wall Cross.** In addition, the Sisters will remember you and your loved ones in our Christmas Octave of Masses. We will pray for your special intentions in the Holy Masses celebrated in our Motherhouse Chapel from Christmas Day to January 1, 2027.

I hope you will find these Christmas gifts from the Sisters to be meaningful and beneficial. Please return the enclosed reply card with your personal prayer requests so that our Sisters can include your petitions in our prayers and Masses.

This Christmas will come again as a reminder of that perfect gift God gave us in Jesus Christ. Now you and I have the opportunity to continue that perfect giving in our own concern for others who are disadvantaged and in need.

Let’s not forget to fill a stocking this Christmas for the Child born in a manger. It is His birthday we are celebrating. We already know what He would desire most . . . our loving kindness, our giving hearts and our joyful charity.



Gratefully, in Mary, Mother of the Church,

Mother Mary David, SCMC

Mother Mary David, SCMC
Superior General



P.S. **I offer you the sincere best wishes of all the Sisters of Charity this Christmas, along with the enclosed Our Lady of Grace / Miraculous Medal Wall Cross designed exclusively for you, and the promise of a share in our Masses and prayers.** May God fill you with the same sense of fulfillment and reward that Dave experienced. The Sisters will be waiting to hear from you so that your petitions can be included in our Christmas Octave of Masses.



SCAN TO SHARE
WITH US YOUR
PRAYER NEEDS.

Mother Mary David, I ask you and all the Sisters of Charity to remember my special intentions and the needs of my loved ones in the Christmas Octave of Masses, December 25, 2026 to January 1, 2027.



O Mary conceived without sin,
PRAY FOR US
who have recourse to thee.

Your generosity is so much more than a gift — it is a living expression of hope, compassion, and faith. Every day, your kindness becomes a blessing in the lives of so many.

Because of YOU . . .

- families who struggle to make ends meet receive food, comfort, and hope through our Food Pantry;
- single mothers with their children who are experiencing homelessness are welcomed with dignity, safety, and compassionate care in our Homeless Shelter;
- children grow in wisdom, faith, and confidence in our schools;
- our treasured elderly receive the loving care and respect they deserve in our nursing home;
- our young Sisters are prepared to carry the mission of the Sisters of Charity into the future with joy and dedication;
- and our beloved elderly and infirm Sisters who devoted their lives to serving God's people, are lovingly cared for. Their ministry of active service has become a ministry of prayer, and they remember you each day with deep gratitude.

Because of your generosity, the mission of the Sisters of Charity lives on each day — in every life we touch, every prayer we offer, and every act of love we are privileged to share. Thank you for being an essential part of our family and our mission.



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