



Hermanas Misioneras Auxiliares del Sagrado Corazón

Christmas 2018

Dear Friend of Mission Helpers,

During this joyous Christmas season, I wish I could greet you with a hug of thanks for your caring support and love of our Sisters. You play a vital role in their lives in our Mission Helper Community! Especially during the Christmas season, we witness your support at work in our missions:

- *At a food bank and aid center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama*
- *At a hospice in Arizona*
- *In classrooms and parishes in Ohio, Massachusetts, Florida, Maryland, and New York*
- *In faith-based Internet innovations reaching thousands throughout the United States and Latin America*
- *In remote villages of Venezuela, where you and the Mission Helpers are the life-sustaining source of food and medicine, as well as God's presence among people clinging to hope*

Yet in no other place is your gift working harder than among our elder Sisters in senior communities. These are not retirement communities for the Mission Helpers – our Sisters never retire. Several in their 90s live in Assisted Living to receive medical care for the best possible quality of life. Other senior Sisters (average age 85) lead active lives, providing a strong spiritual presence in their communities as they help people reconnect with their faith, bear the losses of spouses and friends, and cope with many aging challenges.

“We are forming ‘church’ in an entirely new way,” says Sister Natalie DeLuca. “We are where we are needed now.”

Mission Helpers need the security and health care support that these senior communities provide, which is why we turn to you for assistance.

On behalf of our Sisters, we hold you and those you love in special prayer. May the joy and promise of Bethlehem fill your lives this Christmas and throughout the new year.

Peace,

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