



CELEBRATE WITH JOY...the Wonder of Christ's Birth!

Praise and serve Him with great Humility...

My Dear Friends,

Our Christmas card pictured here, with the above words inscribed inside, illustrates the beauty and simplicity of Jesus and Mary. May you also be inspired by the words below as you prepare your hearts and homes for Christmas.



“O marvelous humility, O astonishing poverty, the King of Angels, the Lord of heaven and earth is wrapped in a manger.”
St. Clare of Assisi

“Consider, O human being in what great excellence the Lord God has placed you, for He created and formed you to the image of His Beloved Son according to the body and to His likeness according to the Spirit...we should recognize our inherent goodness, dignity and value as creatures made in the image and likeness of the Most High.”
St. Francis of Assisi

**Please send me _____ Christmas Cards.

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel on Christmas and in all the Masses to be celebrated during the Christmas Season.

PERSONS—INTENTIONS

“Our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, has shown himself to be a great teacher with the heart of a missionary. Like Jesus, he teaches by word and example, keeping the poor, the troubled and the vulnerable in *clear view* at all times.”
Rev. Richard J. Malone,
Bishop of Buffalo

Dear friends, St. Elizabeth Mission Society is very grateful that you, our benefactors, always keep “our missions” in clear view.

“MINISTERS of the GOSPEL must be PEOPLE who can WARM the HEARTS of the PEOPLE...

MINISTERS of the CHURCH must be MINISTERS OF MERCY above all... we must ACCOMPANY PEOPLE, and we must HEAL their WOUNDS”...Pope Francis

Words from Pope Francis (Excerpt from the interview published by America Magazine for the edition dated September 30, 2013)



On behalf of all the Franciscan missionaries of Allegany we wish to thank you for your generosity in providing the means for us to accomplish God’s work in serving the poor in Jamaica, Bolivia, Brazil and the United States. Please accept our Christmas card as our gift to you.

“May His Love bring you great Joy in all its fullness!”

Blessed Christmas,

Sr. M. Chris Doherty, OSF

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Dear Sister Chris,

Yes, I would like to reach out to the poor to make their Christmas special.

I am enclosing my gift of:

_____ \$200 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$10 _____ \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

E-mail Address _____



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