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Wishing You a Blessed Christmas!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; ... and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6-7

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the season of Advent and Christmas, we carry with us Thanksgiving's feelings of gratitude for our vocations, and for all of the support we have from you who share our mission of love for the elderly.

I was recently asked what makes our home different from other nursing homes. There are many places that provide quality medical care, clean surroundings, and that take care of their client's physical needs. These are all important, and we do that here at the Jeanne Jugan Center as well. But what makes us different is the Little Sisters' reverence for the elderly and that stage of life, and the recognition of how much they both add to our world.

The elderly are our ancestors; links to our past. They helped lay the foundation for the future, and have relevant experiences and values to pass on. But their value doesn't just lie in what they have done in the past. Our elders still have much to give. Every day in our home we see our residents creating beauty through art, music, and even theater. They form loving friendships, pass on wisdom and different perspectives to younger visitors and employees, and they pray for their loved ones and the world. I think the most important lesson we can take from them, though, is to live each moment to its fullest and enjoy life - whatever stage of it we are in.

This holiday season, we urge you to take time to slow down and truly connect with the elderly people in your life. You'll gain far more than you give! And if your elders are no longer with you, consider using gatherings as a time to share stories about them, to express gratitude for what they have given you, and to continue their legacy.

Thank you for your support. We wish you God's joy and peace this holiday season, and a new year filled with the wisdom of the ages and the wonder of the Christ-child.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother Margaret and all the Little Sisters



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