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# Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus Newsletter

Dear Family,

As we approach the Solemnity of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we thank the Father for His loving kindness in sending His Son to save us. As adorers of the Divine Child, we like to call ourselves the *Christmas Sisters*. Although we adore Him all year 'round, this is a special time when we can rededicate ourselves to the Babe of Bethlehem with gratitude for His profound humility and tender love! Holy Mother Church brings to our minds and hearts that blessed day when our Savior broke through the darkness of our world with His redeeming light. As we see the darkness of this world deepening, this Christmas should be a time of hope and joyful confidence in Jesus, the true Light which has come into the world. *The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Advent was too short for us this year, as the Fourth Sunday in Advent falls on Christmas Eve! Although we would have loved more time to prepare for His coming, the sisters worked twice as hard in the kitchen, baking cookies, sweet breads, and candies for our benefactors and friends. On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the sisters attended the *Mananitas* held in a local parish with Fr. Juan Pedro. We enjoyed songs of praise and devotion to Our Lady before dawn from the Mexican people which warmed our hearts.

The Divine Child inspired one of our benefactors from the South to gift us a snowblower this month. Sr. Josefina is beside herself with excitement, she's hanging up the snow shovels for her winter exercise! So far the snowfall has been moderate and beautiful this year. The sisters go out on the sled every once in a while and build a snowman or two. Sr. Johnelle has a gift for finding the steepest hills to sled down. Play is necessary for everyone, but especially for those who have devotion to the Divine Child.

The Child Jesus has been running around preparing our hearts for His birthday, and helping us prepare our last room available for a young woman coming to discern with us for three months. We are ever grateful for this and yet we're praying for more young women who desire to devote their lives to our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration. As we grow, we would like to make an extension on our building and we cannot do this without your help! Please prayerfully consider supporting our growing community's need for more cells and work rooms for the Child Jesus' Eucharistic Adorers.

Although the cost of living has increased this year, we are grateful for all of you who still have been so kind and generous to us. We thank you all for your gracious support so that we may continue to live this life of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, praying for your intentions and consoling His Sacred Heart.

Wishing you all a very happy and Holy Christmas Season, and may the Divine Child Jesus bless you all and hold you close to His little loving Heart!

Mother Mary Agnes of Jesus

*Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.*

*Led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the Wise Men from Orient land.*

*The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; In all our trials born to be our friend.*

*He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.*

*Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!*



Venite Adoremus, Dominum!



*Christmas Novena*

*O Lord, Infant Jesus, fill us with Joy! The birth of any child is a cause for joy and so much more is the birth of You, our Savior. We pray in union with Mary, Your Mother, for a greater joy this Christmas. We also pray for these intentions... May Your Holy Will be done in my life.*



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