

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” ★

- Rev. 3:20 ★

Dear Sisters,

Christmas invites us to pause and return to Bethlehem, the humble place where God draws near to us in the gift of His Son. As Bishop Fulton J. Sheen reminds us, “the hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable”, in that quiet and lowly place, God enters our lives, offering His greatest Gift: Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World.

As we gaze upon the Child in the manger, we are invited to reflect on what we can offer Him in return. Our Mother Foundress, Blessed Maria Theresa Ledóchowska, teaches us that charity is expressed in a life offered “without reserve”, where “love is proved by sacrifice”. It was her contemplation before Infant Jesus placed in a crib, that fostered a strong missionary spirit, one that reflects also the example of St. Peter Claver: a love that serves faithfully, stands with the forgotten and remains steadfast even when the journey seems difficult.

Today the Babe of Bethlehem “stands at the door and knocks”. To let Him in, is to offer our lives anew for the mission of the Church and for all entrusted to our care, through simple acts of love, patient community life, faithfulness in daily responsibilities and compassion for those who suffer and are in need. When we feel tired or discouraged, let us not forget that He is ‘Emmanuel’ – God with us, accompanying us closely on our life’s journey.

I thank each one of you for your dedication, your quiet sacrifices and the many small gestures of care that often go unnoticed but bear great fruit for God’s Kingdom. May this Christmas bring Christ anew into our hearts, deepen our sororal bonds, renew the joy of belonging entirely to Him, and send us forth with gentle love.

*Wish You a Very Happy Christmas
and
a Grace-filled New Year - 2026.*

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