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Dear Friend,

“In a dark time the eye begins to see.” Recent events have reminded me of this quotation from one of my theology professors. It became like a refrain or mantra throughout his classes, and led us to ponder more deeply the concepts he was presenting.

We are experiencing a kind of dark time. During this pandemic we are beginning to see with different eyes; our values and priorities are becoming clearer. As individuals, and as a nation, we have come to a deeper understanding of what is essential. We are becoming more aware of how much our “communities” mean to us – our families, our classmates, co-workers, parish members, social groups; and those we may not even know, but on whom we depend for our everyday needs.

During these “dark times” our Sisters are particularly aware that our ability to continue our temporarily-limited ministries and to care for our elder members, depends greatly on the generosity of our friends and supporters like you.

We “see” more clearly that what is given with love, and done with love – and is, in turn, received with love – is what evokes the deepest gratitude in us. Let us be especially grateful to God for this awareness and understanding; and for all the ways in which we are beginning to see with new eyes, as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day 2020. We especially give thanks to God each day for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely, in Christ,



Sister Diane Bernier, SA  
Development Director



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