



***Hope, Joy, Love & Peace
The True Gifts of Christmas***



Dear Sisters in the League,

As Christmas draws near and we complete our Advent preparations for the arrival of the precious baby who would be our Savior we are reminded of the words of Luke in Chapter 2:10-11 that reads *“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’”*

The Angel brought the good news to the shepherds and to us about the birth of Jesus who came down from heaven in the form of man living a life of example among us and who died an unimaginable death on the cross and rose so that we might be saved. This baby, the long-anticipated Messiah had finally come to lead those who placed their faith in Him to great joy.

The Advent season reminds us about the meaning and goal of our lives in relation to God and to all of humanity through Christ. We are reminded of our call to care and to reach out to all of humanity, peoples and cultures as revealed to us in the Word of God which is founded on hope and His promise to fully reveal His love, and the fullness of salvation. What a wonderful gift to love we have been given as stated in 1 John 4:19: *“We love because He first loved us”*.

The Catholic Women’s League encourages us to live the life intended by Christ to be active members of our faith community and to care for one another. Membership in the League is a gift that we give to ourselves when we dedicate ourselves to a life of faith, service and social justice. May the year ahead be filled with blessings, love and light...

I close with a quote from Mother Teresa of Calcutta who said ***“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you”***.

*Christmas Blessings to you & your families
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