

Dear Friends,

Be Glad, Rejoice, Radiate Joy! That is Pope Francis' wish for **all** of us, and it is our special wish for each one of you as we welcome the Christ who came to earth to be one of us and begin our celebration of Christmas. May this same joy and gladness permeate each day of the New Year.

Pope Francis has designated this year as the Year of Consecrated Life. Our Archdiocese of Cincinnati and dioceses all over the world began this special celebration on November 30, 2014, the first Sunday of Advent. The opening Liturgy was held at Emmanuel Church in Dayton, with at least 100 consecrated sisters, brothers and priests, along with other consecrated women and men, and the parishioners. The Liturgy culminating this special year will be in early February, 2016 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati.

Because of our relationship with Jesus Christ, each one of us has a vocation to be for others. Consecrated Life is just one way of being for others. As you join us in celebrating our consecrated life, "Be glad, rejoice, and radiate joy," because as Pope Francis says: "The Church must be attractive! Wake up the World! Be witnesses of a different way of acting, of living! It is possible to live differently in this world! It is this witness I expect from you!"



Each one of us, your Ursuline friends and neighbors, is grateful for your love, support, and generosity as we journey toward the end of this year and begin a new year. Rest assured you have our prayers that Christ will be reborn in your heart this Christmas with a gladness and joy that you will radiate in all the days to come.

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*The primacy
of God gives
full meaning
and joy to
human lives,
because men
and women
are made for
God, and
their hearts
are restless
until they rest
in God*

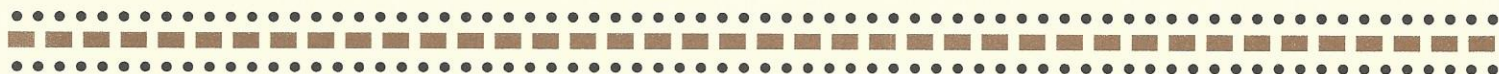
Vita Consecrata... Pope John Paul II

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Rejoice!
Radiate
Joy!*

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