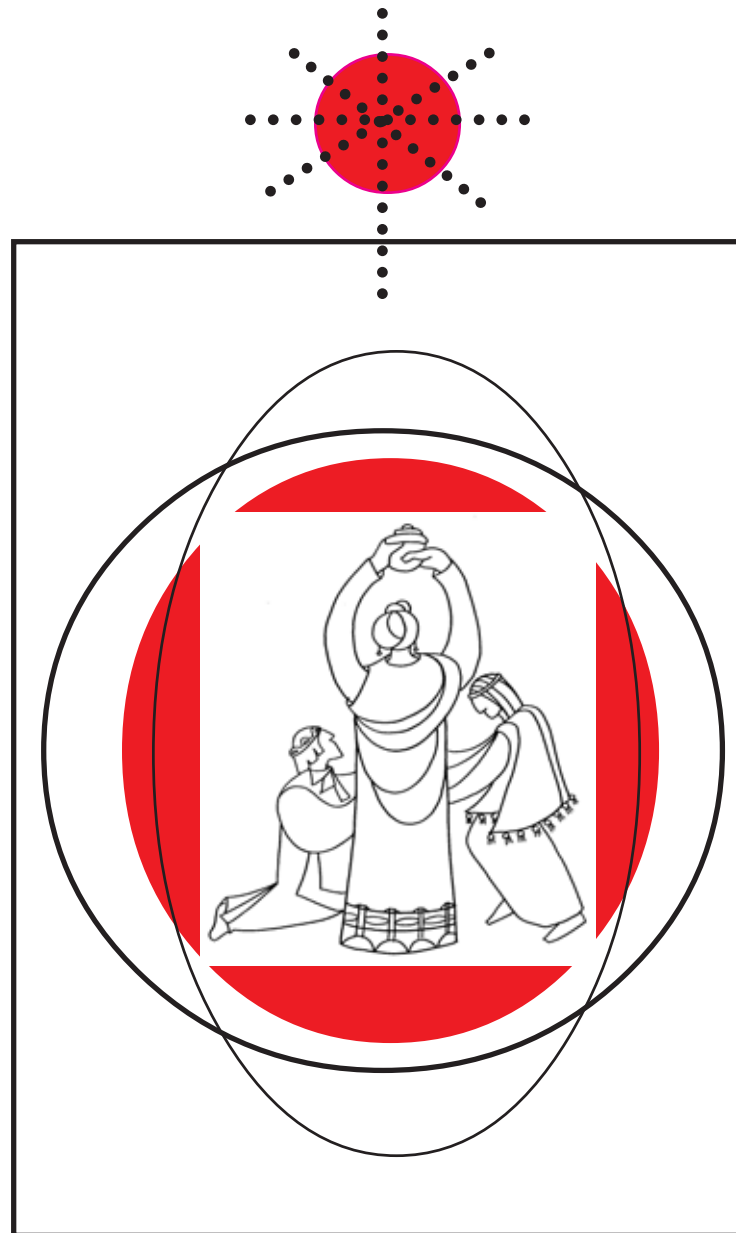


Hold it  
for certain that  
God will never  
fail  
to provide  
for  
our needs,  
material  
as well as  
spiritual  
so long as  
nothing is lacking  
on  
our part.

St. Angela's Fourth Counsel



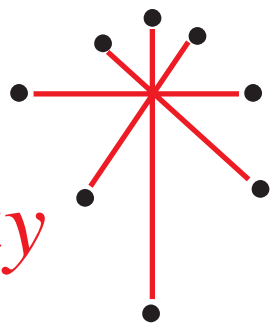
Dear Friends,

As we Ursulines consider the day to day events over this past year we realize we are completely surrounded by evidence of God's many gifts to each of us. To begin with we have each other: twenty seven sisters united in mission and supporting one another spiritually. Our home is comfortable, we are clothed and well fed. We live in a world of natural beauty and amazing modern inventions that make our lives enjoyable. Last but not least we have the generosity of you, our families and our friends. We are greatly blessed.

Do you ever think about why we give gifts at Christmas time? In all the dazzling decoration and catchy commercial distraction we sometimes forget the essence of the holidays. Because of his love for us, God gave us his only Son. Our gifts to one another celebrate our love and in our giving we honor the greatest gift we have ever received: the gift of Jesus accepting our humanity.

As you celebrate Christmas in 2013 and throughout the New Year may you rejoice in your gifts and blessings and recognize in them the love that God has showered upon us and thank him with the gift of our lives.

Gratefully,  
Sister Lucia Castellini, OSU  
Congregational Minister



*May*  
*you*  
*find Christ*  
*in your*  
*heart*  
*on Christmas*  
*morning*  
*and*  
*each day*  
*of the*  
*New Year*

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