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*Care For Our Common Home*

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To: Parish Council Past Presidents / Historians  
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cc: Diocesan Executive, Provincial Past President / Historian

***"I hope that my achievements in life shall be these – that I will have fought for what was right and fair, that I will have risked for that which mattered, that I will have given help to those who were in need and that I will have left the earth a better place for what I've done and what I've been."***

***C. Hoppe***

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Another year is winding down. As I read the above quote do I feel that I have accomplished something this year? It has been a challenging year, to be sure. COVID 19 turned my routines upside down and interrupted so much of my daily life. But honestly, it has also given me time to reflect, to listen in the quiet solitude for the voice of God. My prayer life has developed to be richer than I ever thought it could be. I have become so aware of issues around me – the opioid crisis, the climate crisis, racial inequalities and on and on, and have thought, "what have I done to help?" My actions may be small and seem somewhat insignificant to me. Then I remember the lessons taught by ripples in the water, or St. Mother Theresa's words, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one".

We have been given so many gifts and tools. No matter what we do, we are using the gifts that the Lord gave us. If we put our talents to use, we are proving to God that we love Him and worship Him. At the end of the day, God is on our side. We can do anything thanks to Him. We just need to ask for His support.

*In keeping with the spirit of our CWL Theme "Homelessness"  
Instead of sending individual Christmas cards, a donation will be made to the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
to help feed the hungry and comfort those in need.*

I wish you all a very blessed Christmas season. May God grace you with all the love, joy, hope and peace this season promises.

Merry Christmas to you and to all your loved ones! Betsy

## *JOY TO THE WORLD*

*We need a song to sing  
We need a message of Hope and Cheer  
We need a love that transcends time and space.*

*Our hearts seek the knowledge that we are loved  
With a deep abiding love  
And that amidst all the clamour and clutter of life  
There is someone, who cares.*

*We need to feel that in the loneliness and hurt  
Buried deep in our lives there is a healer  
Jesus is God's message of deliverance given to us.*

*He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
He is Immanuel, God with us  
He is God's message of Love  
He is the healer of shattered dreams  
And the mender of broken hearts*

*With the angels and shepherds and all God's children*

*We sing: Jesus is born!  
Joy to the world!*

*Joy is infectious Hope is life giving Peace is an embrace  
If Joy, Hope and Peace reign in our hearts,  
Then Love will be our treasure.*

*Merry Christmas*

*May you have Joy, Hope and Peace in the coming years*

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