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"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers..." 1 Thes.1:2

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Dear friends,

We members of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts - U.S. Province, wish you and your loved ones hope, joy, and peace this Advent and a very blessed and happy Christmas. Your unwavering love, prayers and financial support bring us hope and give us peace. We are ever grateful.

On December 24 of this year, we celebrate the 222nd anniversary of our Congregation's founding. It has pressed on with its mission to announce the love of God made flesh in the heart of Jesus undeterred by the hardships, setbacks, and serious challenges it has experienced.

The U.S. Province has been the face of the Congregation and its mission for 195 years in the Hawaiian Islands and for 117 years in the continental U.S. At present, that mission is faced with major financial challenges. Our income from salaries continued to decrease despite two ordinations in the past two years, and this was coupled with four unexpected deaths.

As with all of you, regardless of our cutbacks, expenses mount because of inflation. And keeping just salaries for our dedicated workers, especially those caring for our eleven retirees is challenging. While we have been blessed with a good number of vocations in recent years, as any of you who have children or grandchildren in college, education is expensive. At present there are 12 students at the seminary in Fiji and two in ministry experiences in the U.S. You can see how our costs have risen sharply at precisely the same time as our income has decreased, because of the smaller number of priests in salaried ministries.

We continue to have great financial need. We ask that you please help us. Please give serious consideration of a donation to the U.S. Province as you draw up your Christmas giving list and/or plan your end-of-year charitable contributions for tax purposes.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you in advance.

Yours in the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Rev. Edward Popish, ss.cc.
Development Director

"Today in the town of David
a Savior has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11



*Wishing you a
Blessed Advent Season
and
Joyous Christmas*



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