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"So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith." Galatians 6:10

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Dear Friends,

We, the brothers and priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts - U.S. Province, wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Advent, and a joyful Christmas. We are grateful for your love, prayers and financial support.

This Christmas Eve marks the 221<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Congregation with its mission to announce the love of God made flesh in the heart of Jesus. Over these 221 years the mission has persevered in the face of many serious challenges.

At present, the U.S Province faces a very serious financial challenge that threatens its mission. The number of salaried brothers is diminishing. In the past year we have lost three major salaries. One example is the sudden, unexpected death of Fr. Christopher Keahi, ss.cc. At 84, Fr. Chris still helped out at local parishes and as a supply priest with the U.S. Military.

Many of you have first-hand knowledge of the cost and difficulty of caring for an elderly and infirm relative. 12 of our men now fall into that category. Many of you are also well aware of how expensive it is to send someone to college. Our Congregation has been greatly blessed with a large number of vocations. We now have 17 students in various stages of preparation for priestly ministry. Recent ordinations include Fr. William Gural who has been assigned to work in Texas and Fr. Esitio Niuliki who is assigned to work at St. Ann parish in Kaneohe, Hawaii. I'm sure you can see how our costs have risen sharply at precisely the same time as our income has decreased, because of the much smaller number of priests in salaried ministries.

We are in great need. Please help us. We ask for your serious consideration in drawing up your Christmas giving list and/or planning your end-of-year charitable contributions for tax purposes.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you in advance.

Grace and blessings from the Lord,

Rev. Edward Popish, ss.cc.

Director of Development

P.S. Please take a moment visit our newly designed website [www.sccc-usa.org](http://www.sccc-usa.org).

**Our Mission: To contemplate, live and proclaim God's love in the world**

A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene against a warm, orange-red background. On the left, Mary and Joseph stand near a manger where the infant Jesus lies. To the right, three wise men ride camels across a desert landscape. A bright star in the upper left corner shines a beam of light down towards the manger. The overall mood is peaceful and reverent.

His name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

*A King is Born*