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BELIEVE that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I BELIEVE there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I BELIEVE that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.

I BELIEVE in the angel's message that we should not be afraid – that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I BELIEVE in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas – that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.

I BELIEVE in going away from Christmas as the wise men went: “another way.” I want to be different when these days are past - more centered, more thoughtful, more caring.

Dear Parents,

Who among us can really believe that Christmas is only a week away? I can feel the frantic pace you're keeping – shopping, baking, decorating, etc.

So, in the midst of the madness I'm going to ask you to stop for just a short time and reread the Affirmation at the top of this letter. No, it certainly won't make finding that difficult gift any easier and the “Christmas goose” will still depend on you for cooking but I hope it will give you a sense of calm and peace realizing that Christmas is about so much more than the things we busy ourselves with.

My wish for all of us is that like the wise men – we too will return from Christmas “Another Way” – more centered, more thoughtful, more caring.

Know all of us here at school wish you the most blessed peaceful and safe Christmas!

Sincerely,

Sister Merris

