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November 21, 2005

Dear Mr. Youngbar,

Advent is a wonderful season!

It is a time of preparation – the one time of the year that we set aside to prepare ourselves for the season of giving, love, and renewed faith that is Christmas.

But the best way to bring about Christmas is by demonstrating kindness and compassion to our neighbors who are less fortunate as we all strive to act more like Christ. Making contributions at this particular time is such a valuable way you can help Catholic Charities USA be a voice for the poor during this holy season.

Can you spare \$15, \$23, or perhaps even \$30 to help those people in need during this time of renewed faith?

Mr. Youngbar, I am writing today to ask for a financial contribution from you, in honor of the Advent season. Your generosity and commitment to faith are what will help Catholic Charities USA bring the true spirit of Christmas to the door of every home.

Today we need your support more than ever. We have been blessed by an outpouring of support from the Catholic Community in response to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

It wasn't an issue of faith for you to help, was it? To help at that time was a matter of humanity for all of us. You reached out to families who lost everything. You reminded them that all was not lost.

But as the effects of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma are dealt with, and as cities, lives and homes are rebuilt, we cannot forget the others who still – as they always have – need our help. We cannot let them do without.

Every day, in cities all around the country – even in your hometown – there are people in need, people who find themselves in startling poverty, or even suddenly homeless, because of the effects of a roller coaster economy they are powerless to control.

**But you are not powerless.**

*(Over, please)*

There is something you can do today.

Please, send the most generous gift you can possibly spare, and send it to us soon. We will put your gift to use immediately through our consulting, training, and outreach programs for local Catholic Charities agencies around the country. Every dollar you send will go towards Catholic Charities USA's programs and services to assist local Catholic Charities agencies that help the poor and hungry, who are struggling just to stay above the poverty level.

Your gift will also help us address the needs of the elderly, many of whom won't make it through the winter season because of loneliness or the cold.


But with your help, they will survive, because your gift today will help Catholic Charities USA enhance the social service programs provided by local Catholic Charities agencies throughout the country.

Catholic Charities USA is also working at the national level to ensure that the needs of those who are most vulnerable are met as heating costs are predicted to increase by as much as 35% this winter.

I know that Christmas is a busy season, but please remember Catholic Charities USA and those who are less fortunate as you make out your Christmas shopping list.

Our hope for you is that you have a wonderful season of preparation. Please include us in your time of renewal. Together we'll be able to renew the faith of all who believe.

May God Bless You,



Rev. Larry Snyder  
President

P.S. I have enclosed a small complimentary gift for you to keep. I hope you will place the ornament prayer card on your own Christmas tree and think about all that is good and generous during this Holy Christmas season.

P.P.S. Although you are under no obligation, I also hope you will sign the second ornament prayer card and send it back to me, along with your most generous gift. We will hang it on the official Catholic Charities USA Christmas Tree. Your message, along with the messages of so many others, serves as a real symbol of Christmas and all that Christmas stands for: love, giving and self-sacrifice.

Catholic Charities USA is a membership organization based in Alexandria, Virginia. As the National Member Service Center we provide leadership, technical assistance, training and other resources that enable local Catholic Charities agencies to better devote their own resources to serving their communities. Catholic Charities USA promotes innovative strategies that address human needs and social injustices, including advocacy for social policies that aim to reduce poverty, improve the lives of children and families, and strengthen communities. Our Disaster Response Office organizes the Catholic community's response to disasters in the United States.

# Merry Christmas & Peace on Earth

## My Christmas Gift for Catholic Charities USA

Yes, Father Snyder, it is important to me to help those less fortunate during this time of need. In the holy spirit of Christmas, I have enclosed my Advent gift to support the good work of Catholic Charities USA assisting local Catholic Charities agencies across the nation.

\$15     \$23     \$30     \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

*Please make your tax-deductible check payable to Catholic Charities USA and return it in the postage-paid envelope. Thank you so much for your generosity.*

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