



Dear Trinita Friends,

December 2024

Yes, our beloved mission, Trinita, will be closing this coming year, and we do not yet know who will become the new custodians of this holy ground. As we prepare for the end of what we have known for so many years, we find comfort and strength in placing our confidence in a larger truth. While the closing of our cherished retreat house marks a significant change, we trust that, in God's perfect timing, it is not the end, but part of God's greater plan for us all.

Like Mary and Joseph and the infant Jesus, we are headed for Egypt and we do not know what we will find. Will you join us for the journey? Our founder Father Judge taught us to think of every Christmas as **the beginning of a new journey**. In the journey ahead, will you be an angel? Or a shepherd? Or one of the Magi?

"Each and every one of us can become an angel of the Nativity, to announce the tidings of joy." So, can each of us, in the face of our own loss or pain, whatever the cause may be, **still sing** the Good News that God is with us?

"*You*, this year, are to be His shepherds. This Christmas morning you are to push in there among those shepherds and say: 'For this day *to us, too*, is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord.' What are you going to place in the crib? Jesus has followers: **He needs friends**. Jesus has believers: he needs workers." Do we, today, believe we truly have something to offer? Can we see ourselves as real life friends of Jesus, in it together through thick and thin?

"The triumph of the Wise Men was not their science. **It was their faith**. Their victory was not because of what they learned or taught in school. It was because of their belief in God and His guiding Providence." Like the Magi, we're going home by another way. The path ahead will not be familiar to us. We're not asked to be sure of the direction. We're only asked to be sure of who is with us. God is with us. Immanuel.

Trinita has been our holy ground. But because God is With Us, wherever we go, it is holy ground that lies ahead. You and us, the Sisters, the Staff, the Volunteers, the Benefactors, the Friends of Trinita, **all of us together**: *we* are the angels, singing joy deeper than any sadness our hearts may hold.

We are the lowly shepherds, offering our humblest gift of friendship. We are the Wise Men and Wise Women, confidently starting a journey on an unfamiliar path.

The Sisters, the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, **still have work to do.** The Sisters have never, ever done anything alone. The missions and the ministries have always and only been possible because real life friends of Jesus have gotten involved, worked alongside us, worked on behalf of us, prayed with us and for us, and supported us materially.

We have more work to do. We have holy ground ahead of us, a new journey, a new path. It is a little scary but it is also.... beautiful. **Will you travel with us,** in your own way, as we discover together what lies ahead?

In the name of all who have served at Trinita over the years, may Advent prayers and Christmas blessings be yours,

- Ted and Karin Barlow + (1972-1984)
- Bill and Anita Panagakos (1984-1992)
- Sr. Ann Miriam Gallagher + (1993 - 2006)
- Sr. Joan Louise Packer (1993-2009)
- Sr. Margaret Burnard (1993-1998)
- Sr. Theresa Bretthauer (1997-1999)
- Sr. Virginia Morris + (1999-2001)
- Sr. Olivia Montejano (2004-2008)
- Sr. Siena Marie Wahl (2006-2012)
- Sr. Deborah Wilson (2006-2013)
- Sr. Marion Agnes Daniel + (2008-2014)
- Sr. Nancy Walsh (2009-2012)
- Sr. Susanne Thibault (2012-2013)
- Sr. Christine Cusati (2014-2018)
- Sr. Joan Lorraine Kreutz (2015-2017)
- Ellen Arnold (2005-present)
- Vincent Maliszewski (2007-present)
- Laurie Janecko (2021-present)
- Maritza Delfi (2023-present)



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