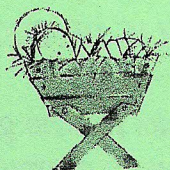


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*Thus says the Lord God: But a very little while and Lebanon shall be changed into an orchard,  
And the orchard be regarded as a forest.  
On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book;  
And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see.  
The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord,  
And the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.  
Isaiah 29:17-18*

Dear Friends of Unity Acres,

The above scripture passage is from Isaiah 29 that is read on Friday of the first week of Advent. Advent is our time of preparation, our time of waiting for the coming of the promised Savior. Advent teaches us to wait, to anticipate, to prepare. Here at Unity Acres we are in that time of waiting, that anticipating time of preparation. In our Chapel we hear the words of the prophets of old anticipating the coming of the Messiah, the Christ our Savior.

Outside of the Chapel, we are busy preparing for the Holy Feast of Christmas. Phone calls asking what the men need. People stopping with food for the Christmas feast. Churches bringing gifts for our men as well as food to add to our bounty during the Christmas Season. Ladies of a local parish are preparing for the annual Christmas party to be held mid-December.

We are humbled once again by the generosity of so many who want to bring joy to our men who struggle during this season beginning with Thanksgiving. Reminders of times past, of happier times. But just as the words of the prophet give promise out of gloom and light out of darkness, our men are encouraged and experience the goodness and thoughtfulness of so many people. So many people who respond to their needs; who seem to sense the need to bring Isaiah's hopefulness to the men of Unity Acres.

We wish then to thank-you for all that you do for us here at the Acres; for your prayers, your thoughts, your calls, your faithful support. We wish to thank you for bringing to life the promises and hope that we read from the Scriptures this Holy Season of Advent and we most sincerely wish you and yours a Blessed Advent and a Happy and Holy Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR UNITY ACRES COMMUNITY

*Report on "Gala-van-t" forthcoming in January!!*

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## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Lord God, we give thanks for the gift of Your Son.  
Spirit of God, we pray, help us to appreciate more and more,  
The miracle of Incarnation, which took place on that first Christmas  
But it continues through our times and all time in the  
Eucharist: The sacred yet humble Presence.*

*"By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to  
Share in the divinity of Christ, Who (by His birth) humbled Himself  
To share in our humanity" (prayer at Mass in preparation of the gifts)  
--Christmas---the Incarnation.*

*We thank You, Jesus, for this profound gift of Christmas--  
Of yourself. We pray further Dear Lord, help us to live each  
day quietly, easily.*

*To lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully.  
To wait for the unfolding of Your will, patiently, serenely.  
To meet others peacefully, joyfully.  
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously. Amen*

Father Bob Jones

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