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"You can be a ray of sunshine where there is adversity, for your light can be the spark that ignites humanity.[...] For God enriched your life with much not to keep... but to expand, by joining other sunbeams to bring His light unto the land. You can be that ray of sunshine to keep God's love-lamp burning and the power of your one small light will light the world, 'till His returning."

(You Can Be a Sunbeam by Patience Allison Hartbauer)

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the love of the Holy Spirit! I hope this letter finds you well and warm after the beautiful Feast of Thanksgiving which I hope you celebrated with your families and friends.

I know this is only November but soon we are going to begin a new season in the Liturgical Year. I always look forward to celebrate Advent. This season brings to me childhood memories of walking with my lit lantern through the dark streets of my hometown toward our Church. On the way I met some people who also went in the same direction, some of them had some lights on but most of them did not have any. It was my lit lantern that showed the way and led others in the same direction. I never realized this until much later that it was the Advent message – to show the way – to make straight the paths – to be light for others!

As we begin this season I would like to encourage you to think how you can be light that others will see, that others will follow, that will bring courage and hope in our midst. I have to admit it is quite a task. My childhood experience was something that I will always cherish and remember. It helps me every year to keep in mind that simple yet powerful message that this season brings. It focuses my attention on what I have and how I can share it with those who are near.

Let us explore our hearts and our homes and share what we have with those who are less fortunate this season. Those acts of mercy will keep us constantly attentive to God's being among us. Yes, He was born many years ago but it depends on us to bring Him to birth in places that do not know much about His coming. It is our responsibility to make His presence alive in our lives and in the lives of all people.

"May the Holy Triune God lives in our lives and in the lives of all people"

St. Arnold Janssen

On behalf of the whole Province of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters I would like to wish all of you a blessed season of Advent.

May it be a time of waiting and discovering God's marvels.

Sincerely,

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Called by the Spirit, Embracing the World.