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Dear Friend,



In the parable of the mustard seed Jesus tries to give us a picture, an idea of the rich and vast possibilities of the grace of God among us. *Then he said, "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.'"*

The smallest of seeds holds a huge secret of life. There is a truly vast potential of power embedded in it. Each seed of plants and trees can unfold and develop that power to full growth and beauty. It is bundled and compressed **Hope!** The better its circumstances for growth the more fully that potential can unfold and develop.

So it is with our human potential, our gifts and graces with which God blesses us so generously. Hope keeps us alive and hope

makes us grow or do anything; it is the power that opens us to the dream of God and to human creativity.

Hope can dream the dream of God of a different world, a world without hunger, without injustice, without discrimination. Hope is a courier of God and a courier of men and women of good will. It tears down walls, destroys borders, and builds bridges.

To have hope is to believe that hope cannot die,
that to have **hope** is to **live**.

Here is a wisdom word from Dorothy Day that speaks of our potential of growth: "What we avert our eyes from today can be borne tomorrow when we have learned a little more about love."

I pray that you are planting many seeds of hope and that you nurture and tend to the seeds of **hope** and **love** in you. May you grow to the full stature of a lover and attentive listener to Christ Jesus.

Blessings of Peace,

Srs. Agathe and Veronica Marie, SSps

P.S. Just a note about a retreat here at the convent of the Holy Spirit on August 14-17. That weekend we will also host a "Come and See" for young people in the area. Please, call us, if you want to know more about it and/or if you want to attend. We expect a various cultural groups of young people.