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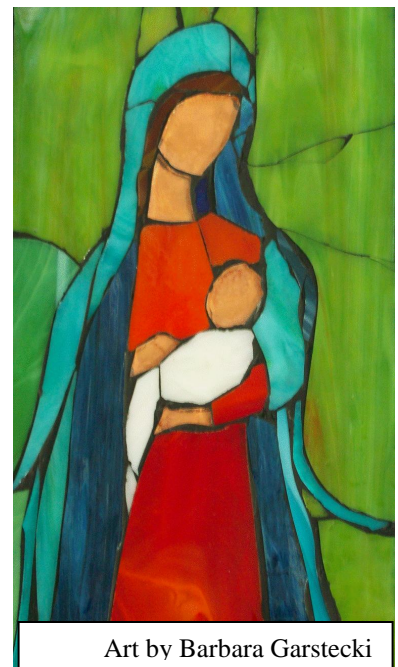
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*"The mystery of the Holy Night, which historically happened two thousand years ago, must be lived as a spiritual event in the 'today' of the Liturgy. The Word who found a dwelling in Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with singular intensity this Christmas." --- Pope John Paul II during the Angelus on December 19, 1999*

Christmas season is quickly approaching and once again we will commemorate events that actually happened thousands of years ago. Each year we are invited to celebrate this time as a spiritual event putting aside those things that distract us from focusing on what is truly important in our faith life. We are encouraged to take actions that will help us make this season truly spiritual and meaningful for ourselves and those we come in contact with.

This year once again I would like to invite you to look at the spiritual side of this beautiful Christmas season and perhaps you will experience God coming into your life with new insights and energy that will permeate your environment. Yes, despite the fact that Jesus was born and died so long ago, God is still present in the Church and all her members. God desires to be fully present in our lives and through us share God's love with everyone. Oftentimes this is possible when we are ready and waiting for our visitor. Thus, during Advent we emphasize the importance of waiting and getting ready for our unexpected visitor.

May each of us experience this coming Christmas the presence of God in our lives and be ready to respond the best way we can to show our love. May this quickly approaching time in which we begin to appreciate light and warmth much more than in other seasons of the year, bring all of us into closer relationship with our God. May it be again the time of darkness that is illumined by the light of our faith, hope and love in the coming of Jesus into our lives and discovering anew our blessings. This is also the time to send you our Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming New Year 2012.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Sr. Veronica Marie and Sr. Elwira Dziuk**

Called by the Spirit, Embracing the World.