

A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is on the left, looking down at the infant Jesus who is lying in a manger. Joseph is on the right, looking down at the baby. The scene is set in a stable with a wooden manger. The overall color palette is warm and brownish-gold.

The *Word* Among Us

CHRISTMAS 2006

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD

# GOD'S LOVE INCARNATE

By the time you receive this edition of *The Word Among Us*, we will be celebrating two grace-filled events in our salvation history. The first is the joyful news of The Incarnation of Christmas and the second is our Incarnation in Kenya. Of course, both events are related and supported by each other.



The feast of Christmas has been celebrated since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. History tells us that it replaced the Roman feast of the sun god. Christians have always seen Jesus as the light of the world. His light helps us to see how He became one of us because of his great love for us. His birth also gives us a deeper insight into the Incarnation story which begins and ends with a profound manifestation of self-giving love. The people who touch our lives enable us to experience that ongoing Incarnation happens because of us and through us.

The light of God's Word helps us to be more conscious that to celebrate Christmas fully, we must become an incarnation of God's love. It is this same love that impels us to share our light and love with the people of Kenya. In the last twenty five years we have had the opportunity to be God's light with many of the suffering and needy there. The Kenyan people in their turn have deepened our understanding of the Incarnation.

In Africa Jesus is seen as life giver, mediator, loved one and healer. The expression of Jesus' mission, "I have come so that all may have Life and have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10) resonates with the African sense of gratitude for the gift of life. The young ladies who have become members of our Congregation have enriched our living of the Incarnation. We are very joyful that four more Kenyan novices will make their First Profession to extend the love of the Incarnate Word.

In this Season of Celebration, may all of us be profoundly touched by the love of the Incarnate Word. To our Sisters who live the good news of God's love in Kenya, we say a big thank you and congratulations. Sister Sienna O'Brien, now in the full light of the Incarnation, will be with us in the celebration of our Silver Jubilee. To our new members, who extend the good news of the Incarnation in Africa and other countries, hongyera na asante sana.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Francesca Kearns".

Sister Francesca Kearns  
General Councilor



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# The Four Corners



By Marghi Barton  
Social Worker  
CHRISTUS St. Joseph Villa

In the Southwest United States, there is a spot which is the only place in the country where four states intersect. Known as the Four Corners, it is where Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico all meet and it is located on Navajo Tribal lands.

Several months ago, a desire to promote the well-being of the elderly, a common interest in Native American culture, and a shared affection for the breathtaking national parks and monuments of Utah's canyon lands, led to a memorable community service project to the Four Corners. A group of individuals from various departments at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Villa (CSJV) in Salt Lake City, Utah, proceeded to explore the unique conditions and needs of Native Americans and particularly, the challenges facing the oldest members of the Dine (Navajo) people.

Healthcare providers, tribal and county leaders and advocates for the elderly were consulted to learn how the group could make a meaningful contribution. Associates made lists of needed items, shopped, gathered donations, packed and prepared for the 900 mile, four-day trek.

On September 28, 2006, trucks and cars were loaded and the group from CHRISTUS St. Joseph Villa, which included Sister Stephen Guiry of CSJV



and Sister Margaret Bulmer of Houston, departed for southern Utah. Sr. Margaret is the Director of Social Justice and Legislative Concerns for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Our mission was to deliver donations of winter supplies to Elders on the Navajo Reservation.

Enthusiasm and support for the mission was remarkable. CSJV Associates were overwhelmed by the generosity of fellow associates, families of residents, vendors, local retailers, and friends in the community, regardless of their financial situation. Several denominations of faith were represented in the gifts of money, supplies and warm items for winter. Initially the project's goal of obtaining enough supplies to share with one hundred Elders seemed quite ambitious. However, at the time of departure, four pick-up trucks were needed to carry all that was donated. As our group made our way south, more donations were given in Helper, Utah, by the local thrift store. Father Anastasias, Pastor at St. Joseph Villa explained,

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*Sister Margaret Bulmer and Sister Stephen Guiry (pictured above) participated in the special journey to the place where four states meet.*



“When we open our hearts it’s amazing what God does with them.”

The Community Service Day began early in the morning when our group assembled in Blanding, Utah, to share breakfast, prayers and a Navajo Blessing. We toured the Four Corners Regional Care Center where residents performed a rattle chant. This was followed by bingo with Native American music playing in the background. The residents were delighted with gifts of rosaries, hats, scarves, purses, and afghans.

One of the most memorable moments was when one of the Navajo Elders won an afghan. It had been crocheted by the Sisters from the Latter Day Saints branch at St. Joseph’s Villa. The woman held the afghan to her face and with tears in her eyes, smiled. A severely physically disabled resident stated that he believed it was the Lord’s work that sent the group to the nursing home, and he was especially touched by

conversing with someone in Spanish, his native language.

At each delivery site, two of the CSJV Associates, Rose and Darlene, introduced the group and talked about the service project in the Navajo language. This enabled the Elders to feel comfortable with everyone and understand the objective of the visit.

Father Ian Corbett welcomed the group to St. Christopher’s Episcopal Mission in Bluff, where he has served as the resident priest for five years. Father Ian appreciated the cases of blankets and winter coats, a portion of which he stored for emergencies. He explained that each winter a few homes are lost to fire started accidentally from stoves and/or heaters. Father Ian’s own immigration worries (he is British-born and applied for permanent residency after being denied his visa extension) seemed less pressing to him than his heavy schedule of outreach to residents and parishioners in the Utah section of the Navajoland

Mission Area who are spread throughout a 340-mile radius.

The history, cultural traditions, natural beauty, kin-based society and sacredness of the Four Corners region does not mitigate the severe isolation, poverty, social ills, lack of adequate medical care, and unemployment that were evident to those who made the trip. An average yearly income of \$750 and the harsh living conditions make it nearly impossible for young people to envision a healthy future and for the Elders to gracefully live out their remaining years.

In a recent Navajo Newsletter, the question of the week was, "What are the most pressing problems facing us today?" The responses listed the need for better education, better relationships with youth, the development of effective leadership, economic development from within, and the need to address the high incidence of alcoholism. For some of the elderly, it is simply getting electricity and running water.

During a lunch meeting with Mary Lou Harvey, a Mental Health professional and Director of the Bluff Senior Citizen Center, an additional delivery was arranged for very low income and isolated individuals. Ms. Harvey



explained that Elders drive as far as 80 miles from their homes to have a meal two days each week. Thirty bags of winter supplies were left for the Center's staff to deliver to the most remote areas of the community.

While driving from Bluff to Red Mesa, the caravan followed a local school bus. The group, especially the children, was shocked when the bus dropped off a group of students at a stop with no homes visible within 2 or 3 miles.

The Elders at Red Mesa, who were awaiting our arrival, warmly welcomed us to their Center and were thankful for the bags of supplies, blankets, coats, and food, including

Bluebird Flour, an essential staple. One of the women exclaimed that the visitors were "angels from above." For the CSJV group it was a very spiritual experience and a reminder of our mission to serve as Christ's hands on earth.

At the completion of the service project, everyone traveled to the Four Corners Monument for one final group photo. At that point, the group dispersed to visit relatives, meet friends and complete their tour of Mesa Verde, Canyonlands and the surrounding sites. At the Shiprock Fair, the initiation of a young Navajo girl from Phoenix to her clan with singing, drumming and a traditional dance was a special ceremony to witness. A small group ventured to Kayenta, Arizona, the gateway to Monument Valley. At the beginning of Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Father Jerome Herff introduced all the visitors.

Associates were gratified to participate in this meaningful experience. We will remember the dignified and gracious, Elders whose brief sharing of traditions and unique spirituality touched our lives. A portion of the Navajo Blessing Way Prayer expresses our respect and affirms our hopes for the Elders:

*In old age wandering in the trail of beauty,  
Lively, may I walk  
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty,  
Living again, may I walk  
My words will be beautiful.*

# Lifetime Achievement Award

The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Sister John Marie Crowley at the 35th Anniversary Celebration of the organization on September 21, 2006 in New York City.

Sr. Barbara Aires of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, gave the introduction for the award.

“We are pleased to honor Sister John Marie Crowley,” said the Rev. Michael Hoolahan, C.P., Interim Executive Director of ICCR. “She took on responsibilities related to corporate social responsibility for her religious congregation. Her life’s work gives witness to a faith that does justice.”

In recognizing Sister John Marie, ICCR presented the following information regarding her remarkable and inspiring life.

**Sister John Marie**

In a little town located about ten miles east of Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland, Mary was born as the third child in a family of eight children – six boys and two girls.

From an early age, Mary thought of becoming a missionary to Africa. At the age of 18, she met the vocation promoter for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. By this time, it was clear to Mary that she wanted to become a religious and was determined to



Sr. John Marie Crowley

*For her leadership and dedication, for generously sharing her time, talent, and treasure, for her faith in God and for her genuine concern for the well-being of others, particularly the poor*

convince her parents that this was the life she wanted. After some discussions with her parents, they agreed, somewhat reluctantly, to let her enter the Congregation and she was given the name of Sister John Marie Crowley.

On her first mission assignment to a children’s home in Lafayette, LA, Sr. John Marie had charge of the chapel and laundry. In those days the Sisters wore starched guimps, which had to be placed on tins and laid out on the grass to dry. It happened during this time that the Sisters had a goose. Often when the guimps were placed out to dry, the goose found her way to walk on them. This was a constant nuisance as the guimps would have to be redone every time. One afternoon immediately after one of these annoyances, a Holy Ghost Father came into the yard. He was looking for some items for his upcoming church bazaar. On the spur of the moment, Sr. John Marie told him that he could have the goose. So, very early in her religious life, Sister demonstrated her entrepreneurship and ability to take risks without fear of the establishment.

And, the rest, as they say, is history.

Sister went on to take courses to become a teacher. However, she was asked to change her major. The Mother Superior told her that



*Pictured at ICCR's 35th Anniversary Celebration in New York City are (l to r) Sister Elizabeth Ann Hayes, Sister Lillian Anne Healy, Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Sister John Marie Crowley, Elida El-Gawly, and Sister Brenda Williams.*

the Congregation did not have any Sisters prepared in accounting or general business and that there was a great need in the Congregation to have a Sister knowledgeable in that field. Sister graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Accounting. She went on to receive a Certificate in Hospital Administration from St. Louis University. Over the years, she continued to take various courses to keep abreast of the changing times in her field.

Sister's ministry experiences included several accounting positions and an assistant administrator position at St. Joseph Hospital, Houston. She left St. Joseph to become a member of the leadership team for the newly formed Hospital Services for the Congregation. At the same time she was also appointed General Treasurer for the Congregation.

Within five years a new legal corporation for the healthcare ministry was formed, Sisters of Charity Health Care System (SCH). Sr. John Marie became its first Senior Vice President of Finance. Anyone who has worked with Sr. John Marie can vouch for the major influence she was in initiating and designing many of the programs and shared services which were the foundation for the health care system. She played an integral role in the financial management of the system through her clear financial perspective and practical solutions. Sister served unselfishly through her unyielding dedication and affirmed value which enhanced the vision of the system.

Beginning in 1970, Sr. John Marie took on responsibilities related to social concerns or corporate

social responsibility. As a member of the Religious Treasurers' organization, she became very involved in groups that had banded together on behalf of peace and justice. On behalf of the Congregation and SCH, she became a strong supporter of the corporate responsibility movement, shareholder activism, community improvement, environment and affordable housing.

In 1986, at Sister's recommendation, a lay financial officer took her place at the health care office, and she gave full attention to serving as the General Treasurer for the Congregation. As Congregational General Treasurer, her accomplishments were many. She demonstrated her gifts in strategic planning, foresight, wisdom, collaboration, and networking. She showed broad vision in the areas of financial stewardship, advocacy on behalf of women and those oppressed by unjust structures in the world.

In 1990 the General Superior wrote to Sr. John Marie expressing her "sincere and heartfelt gratitude... for your magnificent service ... You have truly been a great witness to fidelity as well as a beacon of hope for the future." The members of Sr. John Marie's religious congregation are most grateful to her for the foundational and pioneering ministry that characterizes her life-long commitment to the mission of the Congregation.

# Sister brings healing touch to ER care

By Yazmin Alvarez  
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The Sun  
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*Sister Aloysius Mannion*

Aloysius Mannion is always on the go – so much so that she advises anyone following her to strap on a pair of roller skates in order to keep up.

Her typical morning consists of waking up before dawn, getting dressed, walking to the chapel across the street from St. Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino to pray, and then making her way over to the Emergency Room at the medical center to begin her rounds. However, she is not a doctor or a nurse or a physician's assistant.

Sister Aloysius is a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, and is missioned at St. Bernardine as a Patient Representative. She is known as the backbone of the ER.

"I love having Sister here," said Brian Bearie, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at St. Bernardine's. "She's like a second checks and balances for us. Nothing gets by her." He adds that she is very careful not to let anything fall between the cracks when it comes to patient care.

He adds, "She is very attentive to patients. If tests aren't back promptly or if charts haven't been read, she'll check with us and ask what the delay is. She'll even go to other departments to make sure they are on top of things."

Visiting different departments within the hospital to double check on things is just another part of her daily routine.

As she walks the hospital floors, greeting patients and making sure they are comfortable, she asks each one how their night was: "How did you sleep?" "Were you comfortable?" "Can I get anything for you?"

Every patient responds to Sister Aloysius with a sincere answer.

"Oh, Sister, yes, thank you. I'm feeling much better," said Dana Cox of Rialto. She prefers going to St. Bernardine because of the extra touch that is provided by the Sisters. "I feel so much better when I'm here," said Ms. Cox. "The fact that we can pray together makes me feel at ease."

Ms. Cox's mother, Elizabeth, said that her daughter was born at St. Bernardine and finds comfort with the nuns and feels a special presence in the hospital.

Willis Moore, also a patient, shares the same sentiments.

"Sister, I'm so glad to see you," said Mr. Moore as Sister Aloysius gently caressed and held his hand. "My morning is much better now that I've seen you."

Mr. Moore then continued to tell Sister Aloysius about a personal experience while in the hospital.

They both quietly talked among themselves then closed their eyes and prayed. "Dear God, thank you for healing Mr. Moore and continuing his healing process... Amen."

For Sister Aloysius, moments like these with the patients are what make her day worthwhile.

"I knew I always wanted to serve the Lord," she said. "It was my calling to bring peace to people. Here I can bring comfort to them and make their stay easier. I've enjoyed everything I've done in life," she said.

"Everyone I meet leaves quite an impression on me. I plan to continue what I'm doing as long as the Lord leads me. Nuns don't retire you know, this is just one stage of my life."



During a retreat in 1992, I recognized my religious call. After a few years of discernment, in 1997, I began my initial formation to become a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

On August 18, 2001, in the presence of my loving family and friends from all over the USA, I pronounced my First Vows in religious life. It was a very special day for me.

During the years of Annual Vows, I studied at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis and served in Pastoral Care at St. Bernadine Medical Center where I also reached out to the Vietnamese community in their own unique needs. Because of my ministry at St. Bernadine my heart was filled with love and appreciation for all our Sisters who sowed the seeds of “healing love” in this special hospital.

Following the death of my mother, my journey took me to Ireland where I found comfort and joy in ministry with the elderly. I was so impressed with the care patients received at Carrigoran House, a retirement and convalescent facility, owned and operated by the Congregation. Loving care, a warm environment, and traditional food are abounding.

Having completed my time at beautiful Carrigoran, I continued on my journey with a 40-day retreat in Guelph, Canada. There I learned much about myself and the issues that will continue to challenge me in my own relationship with Jesus. This retreat was in preparation for my Profession of Perpetual Vows.

August 12, 2006 was the day that God made for me. That day I publicly vowed to God my life-time commitment – a life of chastity, poverty, and obedience as a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word. My heart was filled with much happiness and love as I celebrated this incredible day with my family, my Sisters, and

friends. The liturgy was so beautiful. The music was wonderful and the Vietnamese liturgical dance was moving.

I am grateful for the support I received from many friends who traveled long distances to be with me.

Sister Lillian Anne Healy, the Congregational Leader, graciously received my Perpetual Vows as the first Vietnamese Sister in the Congregation. What an historical event! Her brief



and touching speech at the closing of my profession remembered my late parents. The Leadership Team has been very supportive. My journey, however, could not have been made without the prayers and loving support from our retired Sisters and our deceased Sisters.



The celebration continues as does my spiritual journey. I am excited to be returning to the West Coast as a member of the Vocation Team.

My passion of learning and developing the Vocation Ministry is burning in my heart. I desire to share our beautiful charism and spirituality with women who are searching for a community where they may

offer the gift of themselves in serving the Incarnate Word.

In thanksgiving to God for the special gift of our Congregation, we ask God to give us more young women who will continue to follow the foot steps of our Sisters and be Gospel of God’s love to the world. We walk humbly, love tenderly, and act justly together with others and the Incarnate Word.

Praised be the Incarnate Word.

Forever!





# Nun Run...

**T**he Nun Run, a police-escorted motorcycle ride from Houston to Galveston, took off in its second year with more bikers and more funds raised than last year's big ride.

Approximately 130 bikes, many with sidecars or additional back riders, brought in almost \$70,000 to help children and their families at CHRISTUS Southwest Community

Health Center. The October event was hosted by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Retreads Motorcycle Club and the CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare. The ride began at Villa de Matel and ended at Moody Gardens, one of Galveston's finest attractions.

According to Sister Rosanne Popp, M.D, Medical Director of the

Southwest Clinic, the funds raised by the event will buy Christmas presents for 500 children who might not ordinarily have any. Plus, due to the success of this year's ride, gift certificates for food to mothers at the clinic will be increased.

Sister Rosanne adds, "We will also be able to give books to children every time they come for a visit to the doctor to encourage literacy.



# *takes off!*



The funds raised will also help us to provide more children with school supplies and give uniforms as well.”

A special treat this year was when bikers put hundreds of dollars in a hat to encourage Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza to ride in a sidecar around the grounds. He also provided a “rolling blessing” as

bikers rode by him at the start of the trip to Galveston.

Although the Nun Run riders experienced some rain on the trip, it did not dampen the spirits of the participants as they traveled past old homes and the Gulf of Mexico on their way to Moody Gardens.

At Moody Gardens, bikers were treated to a picnic with juicy hamburgers at Moody Gardens. An

awards program featured lots of trophies, prize drawings, and special auctions.

The CHRISTUS Southwest Community Health Center serves an immigrant multicultural population in Southwest Houston.

The date for next year’s Nun Run is October 20.

# Briefs

## **SISTER BERNICE HONORED**

Sister Mary Bernice O’Keefe was inducted recently into the Saint Francis Health System Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The award honors the memory and dedicated life of Sister Bernice, a kind and loving



person who served as leader of our Congregation, as well as sponsored hospitals.

During a span of over fifty years, Sister Bernice ministered in many of the hospitals sponsored by the Congregation in business services or hospital administration. She

believed that the ministry of health care is an extension of Christ’s healing and redemptive mission to all.

In 1970, Sister Bernice was elected General Superior of the Congregation, and served for two terms until 1978. In her leadership service to the Congregation, she was likened to Pope John XXIII in that “she opened not only windows but doors to change and progress with wisdom, love, and humility.” She was missioned to St. John Hospital, Nassau Bay, Texas, as Interim Administrator.

In 1982, she was missioned to St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa where she served in the Pastoral Care Department until 1988. She dearly loved this ministry to the sick and the suffering for it reminder her daily of the charism of the Congregation.

Sister Bernice celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1996. She died at St. Patrick Convent on January 17, 1998.

**Visit the Congregation’s website:**

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*Sister Jane Gititi has received her Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Business Administration and Management from Daystar University in Kenya.*

## **COME AND SEE**

The Vocation Office recently hosted a “Come and See Retreat Weekend” at Villa de Matel. Eleven young ladies from Texas, Louisiana and Utah attended the weekend of prayer, reflection, discernment and fun. Most of the women were either in college or had professions, such as accounting and physical therapy.

According to Sister Maura Theriot, Vocation Director, those who participated have reported that they enjoyed the weekend. “One of them even sent a gift of \$100 to buy a cow for a poor family in Central America,” she added.

Some of the women have indicated that they want to keep a relationship of some type with the Congregation.

## LATINAS' FAITH

Latinas' Faith: A Matter of Life and Death" is the topic of the next program in the Spirit and Life Series, hosted by Spirituality in Ministry. Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, a theologian whose work has been shaped by the struggle for liberation among the oppressed, will be the guest speaker. The program will be held at the International Conference Center, University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio on February 9. This conference will explore some of the key religious understandings of Latinas' faith and how it sustains and encourages individuals and the community in the midst of daily struggles. The group will also discuss how "mujerista theology" uses as its source the religious understandings and practices of Latinas that have been passed on from generation to generation



Dr. Isasi-Diaz was born in Cuba and came to the USA as a political refugee. She is currently Professor of Ethics and Theology at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. She holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Union Theology Seminary and is the author of numerous books.

There is a Registration Fee of \$40, which includes lunch and materials. For further information or to register, contact Liana Fernandez Baca at 713 580-6584.

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## MARGARET DOUGHTY TALKS AT LITERACY SOCIAL

The Eighth Annual Literacy Social, hosted by the Intercongregational Literacy Ministry Core Group, was held October 18, at the Dubuis Center.

Margaret Doughty, well known social justice and literacy advocate, was the guest speaker. She said that 93 million American adults (45 % of the adult population) have limited reading, writing and math skills. She added that Houston has the largest number of dropouts in the state, and that Texas is 36th in the nation in high school graduation rates.

Attendees had an opportunity to meet students, volunteers and teachers of the literacy initiatives and hear personal success stories by students.

## COVER THE UNINSURED

"Cover the Uninsured Week 2007" has been scheduled for April 23-29, marking the campaign's fifth year of working to obtain public support for a solution to the uninsured problem.

Forty-six million Americans, including more than 8 million children, are living without health insurance - forced to gamble every day that they won't get sick or injured. Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those with health insurance.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and some of the most influential organizations in the country again organized "Cover the Uninsured Week." Last year's effort mobilized thousands of individuals and organizations from many sectors of society to plan activities to tell Congress that health care coverage must be their top priority.

"Cover the Uninsured Week 2006" created a groundswell of activities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For more information visit the website: [www.CoverTheUninsured.org](http://www.CoverTheUninsured.org).



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| February 9  | Latinas' Faith: A Matter of Life and Death, International Conference Center, University of the Inarante Word, San Antonio, Texas |
| March 26-29 | Regional LCWR Conference, Villa de Matel   |
| March 29    | CHRISTUS Foundation for HealthCare Spring Luncheon, River Oaks Country Club, Houston   |
| May 26      | CCVI Jubilee Celebration, Villa de Matel   |
| June 1      | 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our ministry in Shreveport  |
| June 17-19  | Catholic Health Association  |
| August 1-4  | LCWR National Conference   |
| October 20  | Nun Run, Villa de Matel to Galveston   |



*May the joy and peace  
of Christmas  
be with you now  
and throughout the coming  
New Year.*