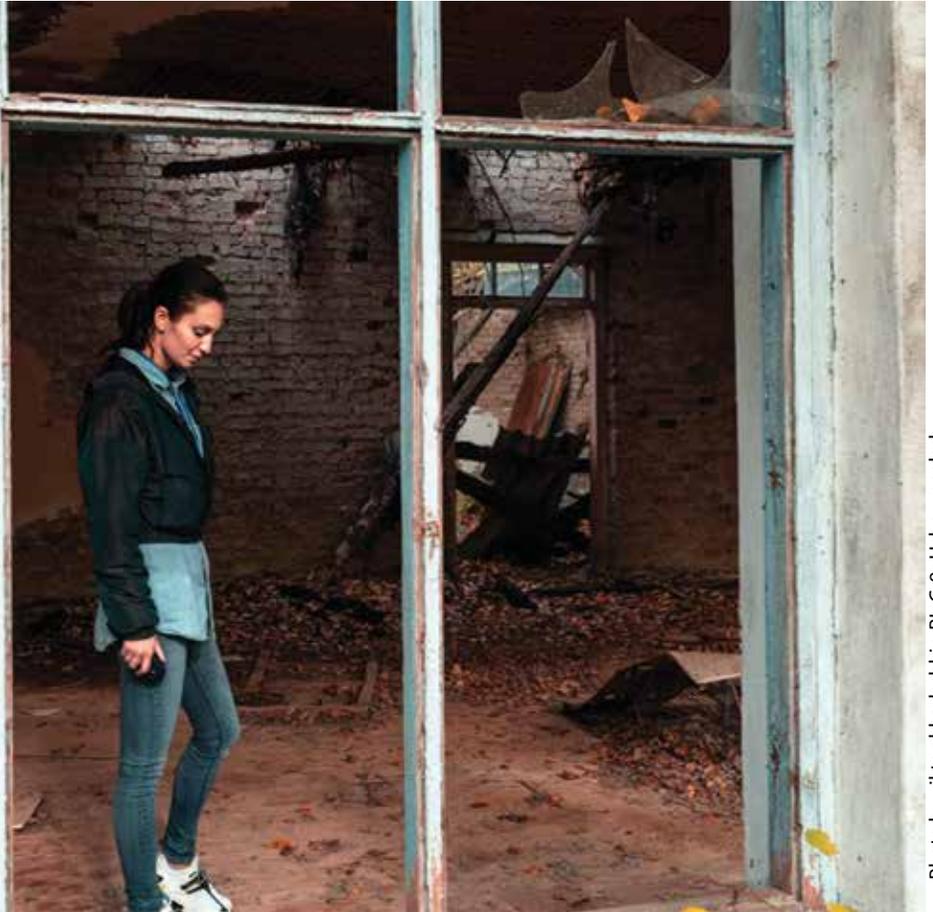


Cluny Circle of Love - 2022

The work of Christmas

*The work of Christmas begins
When the song of the angels
is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes
are home,
When the shepherds are back
with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.*
- Howard Thurman



We are on the doorstep of a new year. Many are the hopes and dreams, many are the sorrows and sufferings among our sisters and brothers everywhere. As Cluny Sisters, it is our desire to carry on the work of Christmas, the work of Christ, every day of every year.

We have been plunged into the power and life of God revealed in Christ and his mission. As we bring hope and compassion to an anguished world, and respond to the needs of the poor and most vulnerable in our midst, we participate in His mission today. After the example of Blessed Anne Marie, we strive to make known God's love for all people everywhere.

In our homes and communities, in our good works and sharing of our time, talent and resources and in our collaboration with others: organizations, religious groups, non-profits, civic and global community projects, we are always engaged in proclaiming the Good News of justice, dignity, love,

reconciliation and peace, establishing the Reign of God here below.

As a Province asked ourselves: How do we, Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny in the Province of USA & Canada, continue the mission of Jesus? How can we place our corporate resources, talents and time in service to do "a little bit of good"? In response, we initiated a Province "Circle of Love" to better serve those in need. We are grateful for the support of our donors that makes possible the "little bit of good" we offer through collaboration with others as well as through direct assistance to those in need.

Cynthia Sanchez, a graduate of Ascending Lights, one of the organizations we support, is highlighted on the following page.

We chose Ascending Lights as a beneficiary of the Cluny Circle of Love to further our engagement in the spirit of Blessed Anne Marie who gathered the poor, neglected, and orphaned children into loving centers of learning that offered them a future.

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