

Dear xxxTitleName Namexxxx,

Christmas is a time to remember that God sent his Son to walk with us in our suffering and to bring us life, light and hope.

In observance of Advent, we prayerfully remember God's gifts to us in the Christ child. In gratitude, we work to bring the hope of Christ to those who are in need.

Looking through this catalog, I can't help but see how a Gift of Hope is one way to show Jesus to a world of sorrow.

Pope Francis wrote, "We could never have imagined that the same Lord would become one of us and walk with us, be present with us, present in His Church, present in the Eucharist, present in His Word, present in the poor."

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Our entire CRS family wishes you and your loved ones a blessed Advent season.

May blessings overflow,

Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo President & CEO

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