

I don't know about you, but I can hardly believe we are beginning another new year! I believe we are all hoping beyond hope that THIS year WILL be a truly NEW one, getting the pandemic behind us, so we can begin living our "new normal" lives - in person!

I pray your Christmas season has held some experience of God truly being with you. God chose to become one of us to show us no matter what we are in the midst of, God is in it with us.

That is why St. John can say in his Prologue to his gospel "***from Jesus' fullness, we have all received grace upon grace***". Realizing this truth fills our hearts with gratitude and helps us through the ordinary and extraordinary events of our lives, including those joyous and sorrowful ones. Even through the ups and down of a pandemic!

Let's remember as we begin this New Year, to be grateful to God for all we have received this past year. Your Poor Clare Sisters certainly have received much to be grateful for! It is humbling and an occasion for giving thanks every day.

Thank you for your generosity to us that helps to support our life of prayer. Your presence in our life is one gift we give thanks for every day. May you have a blessed and healthy New Year!

With our love and prayers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Nancy".

Sr. Nancy Shively, osc and all your Poor Clare Sisters