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Dear Friends,

I have done what is mine to do. May God show you what is yours to do. (St. Francis)

These were the last words St. Francis spoke to his brothers on his deathbed, and they have special significance this month, as we celebrate the 800th anniversary of his death. Francis's words are invitation to all of us who want to follow his example, to spend our days and our lives doing what is ours to do to make this a better world.

I pray I will be able to say "I have done what is mine to do" when I am in my last days. It's so easy to let convenience, self-centeredness, and superficial distractions and attractions "fog the mirror," so to speak, and get in the way of listening to God's voice in my life. I suspect you experience the same challenges.

Our nation and our world desperately need each of us to listen to God and do what God asks of us. We know that God wants all of us to live interdependently, with unconditional love and respect for the dignity of every human person; He wants us to be good stewards of the precious treasure of creation. If we each do what is ours to do, together, we can make a big difference.

Thank you for your part in showing us God's provident care for us. We pray for your needs each day as we gather in gratitude before God's altar.

With gratitude and prayers,

Sr. Nancy

Sr. Nancy and all your Poor Clare Sisters

May almighty God bless you. May God look upon you with mercy and give you peace.

— Blessing of St. Clare