

# Companions IN PRAYER



Sisters of St. Clare  
Saginaw, MI

## *Dear Companions in Prayer,*

The season of Lent provides an opportunity “to begin again” and to refocus attention on the call to be messengers of the Good News of God’s love.

The phrase “to begin again” accurately describes Sr. Dianne’s and my Lenten journey. In our last letter to you, we let you know of our decision to move from the Saginaw Diocese, as it is time for us to prepare for our aging needs.

During the last few months, we have been talking with several Franciscan religious communities of women about residing with them. These communities have large buildings and extra space to rent to smaller communities like ours. The benefit to us is that we may participate in their liturgies, and engage in the community life of the sisters. We have accepted the gracious invitation from the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, to reside with them and rent space.

We will continue our commitment of being a Poor Clare community (Sisters of St. Clare) while living our contemplative prayer life with them. Only our

physical location will change. We continue to be your *Companions in Prayer* just living in a different place. The internet has reduced distances, we will be an email away, and we want to continue to join with you praying for your needs and concerns.

You are dear friends that we have grown to know and love. Saginaw is etched in our hearts with love and affection. This opportunity “to begin again” is bittersweet.

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Your presence in our life has helped us to thrive and mature and for that we are grateful to you. Nothing can take away the many memories we have accumulated and now hold in our hearts. These treasured memories will always be with us.

How do we ever express our gratitude to you? How do we express our love and appreciation? We promise you our prayers for your good. These prayers will bring joy to our hearts and faces as we present them to our beloved Creator. These prayers are the joy of our vocation as your *Companions in Prayer*.

We are planning to move in the first weeks of May. We very much want to continue our relationship with you and these are ways to contact us and continue to support us in our vocation.

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As we embark upon this Lent “to begin again,” we wonder what the future holds, and what changes we will find on this new path. In confidence we go forward with hope in our hearts. Our prayer is that God’s blessings will fill all our lives with joy, peace, and love.

*Your Companions in Prayer,*

*Sisters Dianne and Laura*

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