

# the Good News

*From the Motherhouse*

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Our spirit, too, continues in you. Through your daily work in the Motherhouse and in the interactions that you encounter with your co-workers, Sisters and visitors, you help to advance our good works. We are truly blessed by your gifts and grateful to each of you for expressing the spirit of the Sisters of Joseph in your many personal and professional ways.

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