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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**As the holiday season approaches, we are overwhelmed with the emphasis on material gifts. Although our custom of giving things to those we honor and love is reminiscent of the Wisemen, who brought valuable presents to the Infant Jesus, we should remember that the perfect gift which Jesus gave the world, the gift of Himself, is far more precious than anything of mere monetary value.**

**Let us remind our young people that they, too, can give the gift of self to family and friends, and that such a gift may be far more meaningful than anything found in stores. Letters written to a grandparent, aunt, or uncle can carry loving thoughts more effectively than a bottle of cologne or one more tie. The gift of time spent with a lonely person is true giving. Time spent babysitting, doing dishes, cleaning or doing odd jobs for another is a double gift showing both love and a sensitivity to that person's need.**

**Talk with your young person about special ways to give that precious gift of "self". It may be that your child – and you, too – will find that the thoughtfulness and caring involved in this type of giving are more appreciated than ribboned packages from the shopping mall.**

**When we give of ourselves to others, we are also giving to Christ . . . What better birthday present would He ask?**

**Indeed, may you receive one of the best Christmas gifts as well: "the presence of a happy family wrapped up in one another." Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy and holy new year. Be assured of many prayerful remembrances during this Sacred Season. Enjoy your holiday and may the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes with His peace.**



**Lovingly in Mary,**

**Sister Angela**