

**"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything."**

Thomas Merton

***Thanksgiving, the day we gather together to recognize the blessings we have in our lives. For some, it's a quiet day, maybe just a few family members or friends. For others, greater numbers but both the same, being with those we love.***

***Thankfulness is key in our lives. Even in the ordinary, it helps us keep our focus on what is important – the love of God in everything we do. In thanksgiving, we see the good in our lives and in those we know. In gratitude, we recognize the miracle of Jesus who was born to save us and continues to love and save us each day.***

***In thanksgiving, we take this day to thank you for your giving, for your willingness to serve, for being miracles in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Over this past year of difficult challenges, you continued to give. We're thankful for our clergy for helping us grow spiritually. We're thankful for your organizing and participation in our rosaries, programs, and special events. We look forward to this coming year as we continue together to love, to give, and to serve.***

***Happy Thanksgiving!***

***May God bless you and your families,***

***H.E. Dame Margaret Romano, DGEHS  
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