

St. Rose Parish

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Dear Father Ed, Charlotte, All St. Rose Parishioners, School and psr Staff, Students, Community, Family, Friends, and All,

Greetings and Blessings! And THANK YOU! Thank You! thank you! - for ALL your prayers, support, visits, gifts, phone calls, letters, notes, pictures, and everything else you did, and are doing for me, especially when I was "pulled out"; it should not have happened as it did. Sorry. I finally feel that I can write you letters. I adapt Pam Young's words: I'm So Sorry and Thank You Very Much! Whether it was holiday and birthday cards, notes, gifts, gratitude messages, and above all, your care, concern, support, the unforgettable Farewell Party - the beautiful Mass, the tasty luncheon, the programs by the PSR kids and their catechists, but most of all, just visiting with you, my dear friends! (How is the tree doing?)

I live on 3rd floor here at Ruma; yes, retired. I lead the rosary for the Sisters up here (skilled care) on Mondays, help bake cookies, pies, coffee cake on Tues., Wed., Thurs. mornings - cookies for snack time, pie for Thurs. evening supper, and coffee cake for Fri. morning's social hour after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The Sisters up here get to choose which one they want made for their birthdays.

I also play cards with the retired Sisters who want to play: "Four Kings on the Corner" every day about 1/2 hour after every dinner and supper, and "Pinochle" on Tues. and Thurs. afternoons. I first played as a substitute, but now am usually the 4th player since some of the Sisters can no longer play. I also take time each day to pray with community, and personally during which time I also pray for all of you.

Then, of course, we have meetings, bingo, celebrations, here in the house. Since I may not drive anymore, I don't get to the Shrine's seminars and workshops anymore - I miss those! We do have Adoration once a month here at the convent. Occasionally a Sister or lay-worker takes me shopping; several of my nieces have been very helpful too; my two sisters do not drive anymore either. I don't like to be out at night because my right arthritic knee sometimes gives out on uneven ground.

As to my eyes, the one I had surgery on is doing fine, but I have several other eye problems which they tell me come with aging. The eye drops I use they tell me slows down the issues, but cannot cure any. I have to have some crosses to get to Heaven - Are you ready?

I am aware that God called some of my friends to their reward. (We get the News Democrat at Ruma.) Since I can no longer make it to the wakes or funerals, I always make sure I pray for each in a special way during my daily personal prayer time. I have not forgotten you!

You will notice that I began this message on Feb. 6th. Since then the house has changed from 7 to 10, with many glitches along the way, several days at a time. Then I lost this letter several times through this process. Now that I think I have it all together, I want to send it before I get computer problems again.

With love, gratitude, and prayers,
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