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JMJ

My dear Mother Ignatia [Ignatius Chadaway]

I hope you are all having a very joyful season, & that the Christmas greetings came in time to wish all the graces & blessings that you each most need and desire. I have not been able to leave our room, but the Community have had their holidays as usual & enjoyed them in the usual way by reading & working, and games in the evening, some up in our room & some in the Comty room - Now they are all in retreat - we have F^r Leslie for ours, I think F^r Johnson at Mayfield - F^r Knight or some one from Farm Street for London so they must all come out saints – indeed we need only the perfection of our Common Rules to make us all saints, and thanks to God these are what by the help of God have produced so many saints that we have only to be faithful to them to secure our sanctification and all that we aim at in the pilgrimage of this valley of tears –

Let us love one another and be glad in the rich graces of this holy season of love. Gloria in excelsis

May He bless you & give you the loving meekness of His own heart and a readiness to sacrifice all your own will & desires for the sake of the perfection & sanctification of others. Fiat.

Ever my dear child

Your own loving mother in JC

C.C.

S.G.

A happy Epiphany to all.