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Dear Sr. Gemma Mary,

Funny how time goes by so quickly. Over forty years ago, you and your fellow sisters saved our family from disaster. My Dad worked two jobs and my mother was quite ill and bedridden, still trying to take care of eight children. You all did the laundry, made meals, cleaned the house, and taught us how to survive. I was the oldest, so I remember the most, probably. I can still recall the "recipe" for homemade apple sauce, and that Sr. Stephen taught me how to play "The Skater's Waltz" on my small electric organ. My parents were always grateful and tried to pay back your kindness in any small way they could. Now they are both gone and I stand as the patriarch of the family.

I want to be sure that our family continues to lead by example in never forgetting those less fortunate and in aiding those who give so much of themselves while asking nothing in return. Please accept this small contribution as a late Christmas gift in honor of the two people listed below, each of whom exemplifies that spirit of selfless giving. One is one of my brothers who, along with his wife, is bringing up two wonderful children, each of whom is as kind as any young people I have ever met. The other is my step-mother's sister, who has been very kind to me personally and who still, like yourself, gives of her own time to teach those in trouble when they need help the most.

Thank you for having been there for the [redacted] family in the mid-1960s and for still being there for countless other families in need since then. You are truly special people.

My brother is [redacted] My
aunt is [redacted]

Yours very truly,
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