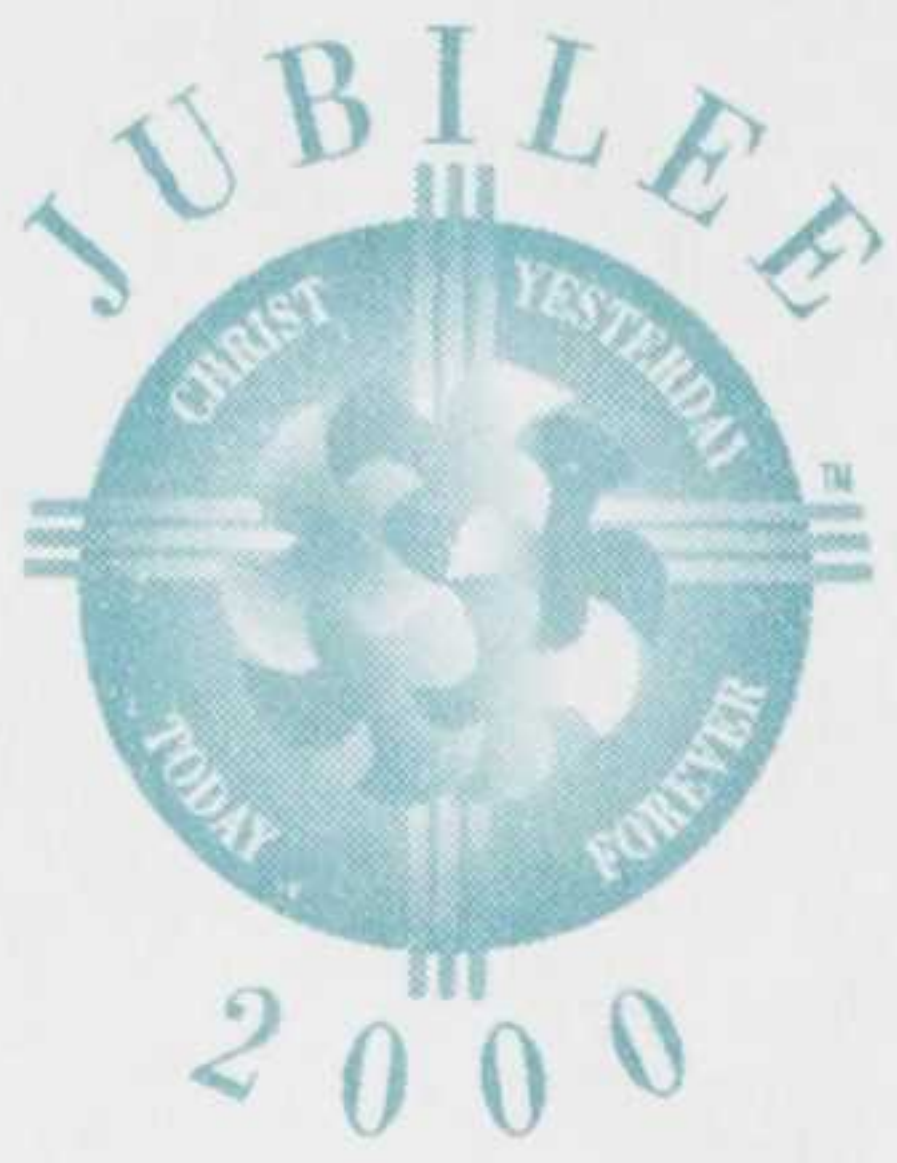




*"Come to the foot of the altar. There
graces will be poured out on all who
ask for them."*



January 3, 2000

Dear Friend,

Carol was a young mother diagnosed with terminal cancer and given less than six months--but she wanted to live. She wanted to take care of her new baby as well as enjoy her family and friends.

She trusted in God to keep her alive. Her hope and cheerfulness were contagious. Friends dropped over to see her and left more upbeat than when they arrived. When she had a setback, she always concentrated on the positive. By her prayer and strong faith she lived for some two years longer than the doctors predicted.

Just before she died, she was at the Shrine praying. Afterward she said to me, "I just know God will take care of me." And that's the faith Carol showed in everything.

The Shrine is a center of prayer and devotion to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Shrine's sponsor, the Association of the Miraculous Medal, is a ministry of the Vincentian community, the Congregation of the Mission. As the Association's President, I am the community's representative to you.

Please join us at the Shrine. Be among the many who participate in this beautiful and popular devotion. Your petitions and correspondence are always welcome. And please accept the enclosed Miraculous Medal Healing Remembrance Certificate as a gift.

Mary, in her third apparition to Saint Catherine Labouré, gave the Miraculous Medal and promised great graces to all who wear it with faith and devotion. Like Carol, many people tell me about answered prayers. Your prayers can be answered, too. Graces are there for the asking--including graces for the sick.

Perhaps you are thinking about a loved one who is suffering--from illness, injury, or even emotional pain. You want to pray and help but you don't quite know how. Here is an answer. Use the enclosed Healing Remembrance Certificate. It can inspire the

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