



## Bethlehem Holy Child Program

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Dear Dame Margaret,

On behalf of the Holy Child Program staff, children, and board of directors, I wanted to thank you for your moving letter, "Life changes on a dime". Your empathy for those suffering in the Holy Land in the midst of your own local apocalypse deeply touched every one of us. It offers us the opportunity to move beyond our own personal tragedy by praying for the suffering of others.

Your letter brought to mind a quote from Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta; *"I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."* Responding to your invitation to pray for those suffering in the Holy Land, the staff and children of the Holy Child Program are reciprocating in their prayers for all those suffering in Southern California.

Additionally, the Bethlehem Holy Child Program Board of Directors is having a Mass offered for members of the EOHSJ Western Lieutenancy and all those affected by the wildfires in Southern California in the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Chapel in Meriden, Connecticut.

As we unite in prayer, may that power lead us to create positive change in many arenas! Many thanks for your profound dedication to the people of the Holy Land and for all the Knights' work there.

In gratitude,



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President of the Board of Directors  
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*P.S. Please find a card from the children and staff of the Holy Child Program attached to this letter.*