

# Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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*“With Mary and Joseph, let us accompany the King of Heaven, who is born in a cave and makes His first appearance in the world as an Infant.” – St. Alphonsus*

## FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

Many years ago the children of a small school performed a Christmas play. It was an inspiring program depicting the events that led to the birth of the Infant Savior. At the climax of the play, something unplanned happened. There in the cave of Bethlehem were the angels, shepherds, and kings. St. Joseph knelt beside the crib. Our Lady held the Divine Infant. As the music began, the girl who was playing the part of Our Lady leaned down and placed the Infant in the crib. Right then all the lights were to go out, except a spotlight on the crib. However, the stage crew accidentally turned off every light, even the one on the Infant. After a moment, one of the shepherds turned toward the back stage and hollered, “Hey, you turned off the Baby Jesus, too!”

Though this incident was quite humorous for those watching the play, it also gave some food for thought. During Advent many prepare for Christmas, but only by shopping and decorating, by hosting parties and cooking, rather than by focusing on the Baby Jesus and putting the spotlight on Him.

## The Season of Advent

During Advent Holy Mother Church draws our attention to the Christ Child, Who will soon come into our hearts on Christmas. This holy season is meant to be a time of joyful anticipation, a time of recollection and preparation, during which we make our souls ready by the practice of prayer and virtue.

