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As I look at today's date, I am conscious that in just one month we will celebrate the feast of St. Patrick on March 17th. As we are Presentation Sisters and were founded in Ireland many years ago, the feast of St. Patrick is special to all of us. Then just a few days ago, we celebrated the feast of St. Valentine, or as many people consider it to be Valentine's Day. What do you do on Valentine's Day? Lots of students bring Valentines to school to give to their friends. This year, I made a few phone calls to some friends of my sister's. My sister had died on Valentine's Day a couple of years ago. So, I felt that her friends were **now my friends**.

At the beginning of next week, we will celebrate "President's Day". That is the day that our country has chosen to honor all of our former presidents in our country. When I was younger, we celebrated George Washington's birthday and Abraham Lincoln's birthday in February, now we seem to have put both of those days together and celebrate the third Monday of February as "President's Day". I urge you to pray for all of our governmental leaders. I'm sure they would appreciate your prayers for them, rather than to just honor them with a day off of work.

In less than two weeks, we will be starting the season of **Lent** on Ash Wednesday (March 2). Lent is the time for us to begin thinking about how God wishes us to love Him. Do I love the Lord a lot, or do I tend to take one step forward and another step backward? As we begin to prepare for this season of Lent, let us take time to reflect on how we will live the season of Lent this year? Begin to ask God for the grace to love Him with all our hearts throughout this holy season.

God bless you all!

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