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Did you notice that we have just begun a new month? The month of February was the shortest month of the year, and this month will be just a bit longer. The months of the year are usually 30 or 31 days, whereas February (the shortest month) has only 28 days.

Are you aware that we began the season of Lent a few days ago? Lent is the time when we think about what God desires for us to do to prepare for **Jesus' coming into our lives at Easter**. One of our Lenten prayers reminds us that God claims us *for Christ in the waters of Baptism*, and we usually begin the season of Lent bearing ashes on our foreheads to remind us that God desires us to live a life of *peace and humility*.

There are some special days during Lent that I like to think about. Of course, the beginning of Lent was on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd this year), and the very next day is the feast of St. Katharine Drexel, who founded the Blessed Sacrament Sisters here in the U.S. for the Native Americans & Colored People. (I had worked many years with those Sisters in New Orleans and then I moved to work with the Native Americans in Eagle Butte, SD.) I'm not sure, what led me to spend much of my life at both of those places. All I can say is that God led me to that. Then on March 8th is the feast of St. John of God, which was the name that Nano Nagle, our foundress chose when she began our community in Ireland over 200 years ago. So this year, I will be thinking about God calling us during Lent, and the next day about St. Katharine Drexel and her work among the Native Americans & Blacks in the United States.

Blessings to you all during this Lenten Season.

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