

## WHEN THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
    to find the lost,  
    to heal those broken in spirit,  
    to feed the hungry,  
    to release the oppressed,  
    to rebuild the nations,  
    to bring peace among all peoples,  
    to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the light of Christ,  
everyday, in every way,  
in all that we do  
and in all that we say...

Then the work of Christmas begins.  
(Howard Thurmad, adapted)

Dear Parents and Girls,

If you read the passage above, then you know that we have a lot to do. I hope that you were able to make music in your heart during our absence from school over the holidays. May you return to school renewed in your desire for excellence, excited about the new year and the many possibilities which await you, and anxious to be the best friend to others that you could be. Thank you for the many Christmas greetings, gifts, prayers and good wishes. I wish that I had the gift of time to respond to each of you, but as long as there is FEMA and non-reimbursed funds, I don't have time for any extras, just the duties to keep our school the best it can be and try to get our dollars from the government. Thank you for your prayers.

I addressed the issue of resolving to do certain things in the new year in the letter of December 28. May it provide some insight and inspiration for you and guide you to continue your pursuit of holiness. It is a privilege to love and serve you as I love and serve God. Happy New Year.

Love, Sister Camille Anne