

Sisters,

Are we not blessed to be the « chosen ones » to give and to receive this loving flow of gratitude ! The fact that you thought of this epiphany of gratitude speaks volumes of the legacy Mother Theresa left you. From up above, with Mother Theresa at her side, Elisabeth hears your kind and thoughtful words which we receive with great emotion.

Pope Leo, last May, said : “ Compassion is a question of humanity.” Elisabeth heard the profound suffering of Theresa and could not leave this woman of God in a state of utter desolation and deep loneliness. Her love of humanity was too strong. Action had to be taken. She reached out, gave Mother Theresa a home, a listening heart and offered moments of pure resurrection, lifting her to the hope of returning to her beloved Congregation.

This is compassion in its purest form, a compassion without borders a compassion of love as you stated so very, very well.

Sisters, we are blessed in so many ways. And, we are - Oblates, IHM'S and SCO'S - wealthy descendants of these two women of God. Every day we get to learn a little more of the scope and magnitude of their legacy.

In us, we carry :

- a) seeds of holiness;
- b) bold and steadfast courage;
- c) a determination to stand tall and not be silenced when justice, peace or truth are denied;
- d) the call to protect the vulnerable and the outcast of our society;
- d) a deep desire of contemplation in order to respond to “who we really are” as consecrated women.

We are truly blessed! And blessed to live this sacred moment you generously initiated. In turn, the SCO'S thank you most heartily. We will cherish the beautiful sculpture of Mother Theresa. May our paths, one day, meet. May our hearts be united in prayer and in gratitude for a common legacy we share.