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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Winter 2025–2026 issue of IHM Catholic EdNotes! As educators, you share in the sacred work of helping young hearts recognize God's love in everyday life. The months ahead invite us to receive that love anew and share it with the students, families, and colleagues who accompany us on our journey. As autumn gives way to winter, we carry many memories and emotions. In November, we remember in prayer those who have gone before us. As the days grow shorter and the trees become bare, Advent draws near with its promise of hope. When we light the first candle on our Advent wreaths, its gentle glow invites us to pause, pray, and prepare our hearts for Christ.

With each passing week of Advent, the light grows, leading us toward the joy of Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth. Amid the fullness of school and parish life, may these quiet moments of light and prayer renew your own spirit as you nurture faith and wonder in your students.

Your classrooms, school and parish communities will welcome these celebrations with enthusiasm and joy. We know that preparing for them also asks much of your time, energy, and heart. Through these EdNotes, we hope to offer encouragement and engaging, practical resources to support your sacred ministry of Catholic education. Whether you serve in a parish catechetical program or a Catholic school, from Pre-K through Grade 12, may these features enrich your teaching and help you nurture your students' faith. Thank you for the care you bring to this work and for the many ways you make God's love visible each day.

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God bless you for your dedication to Catholic education!