

A child shall lead them



What Christmas means to me

In the Christmas coloring book published in the Dec. 5 *Catholic Courier*, we asked children to write or draw their ideas about the true meaning of Christmas. The following are some of the entries.

The true meaning of Christmas is really about Jesus and Advent. Not because of gifts and Santa and Christmas trees and snowmen and decorations. It's really of getting ready for Jesus Christ to come again.

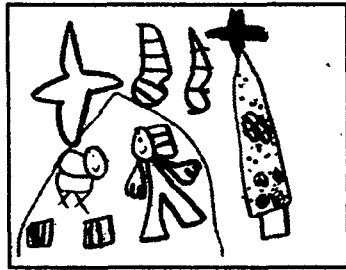
**Michael Cochrane, 6,
St. Agnes School, Avon**

I thank the Lord. I love Santa and Mrs. Claus. I am happy with my family.

**Kiara Phelps, Grade 2, Nativity
BVM School, Brockport**

I look forward to presents and snow forts and toys and Santa Claus and elves and reindeer and candy and stockings and Mary, Joseph, Jesus and sleighs and Jesus' birthday.

**Julie Beiter, Grade 2, Nativity
BVM School, Brockport**



Mary Orth, 5, St. Patrick School, Owego

Christmas is a time of fun, For every person of every age. But just remember the true meaning of Christmas, Christ the Lord was born.

He gives his love to each of us.
Tricia Haynes, 7, Groton

The true meaning of Christmas is we celebrate Jesus's birthday. You shouldn't think that Christmas is all about candy and chocolate candies. You should think about Jesus dying on the cross just for us. He didn't have to do that but he did. So at Christmas you should think more about Jesus's birthday and Jesus and God and Mary.

**Dan Walsh, Grade 4, Sacred
Heart School, Rochester**

What Christmas means to me is people singing Christmas carols. Also people gathering together celebrating that Jesus was born. I also like going to church and celebrating by singing. Christmas is just not about getting presents to me. It is about celebrating Jesus' birth. That is what Christmas means to me.

**Ashlee Read, Grade
4, Sacred Heart
School, Rochester**



Nicole Kendrot, Grade 4, Sacred Heart Cathedral School

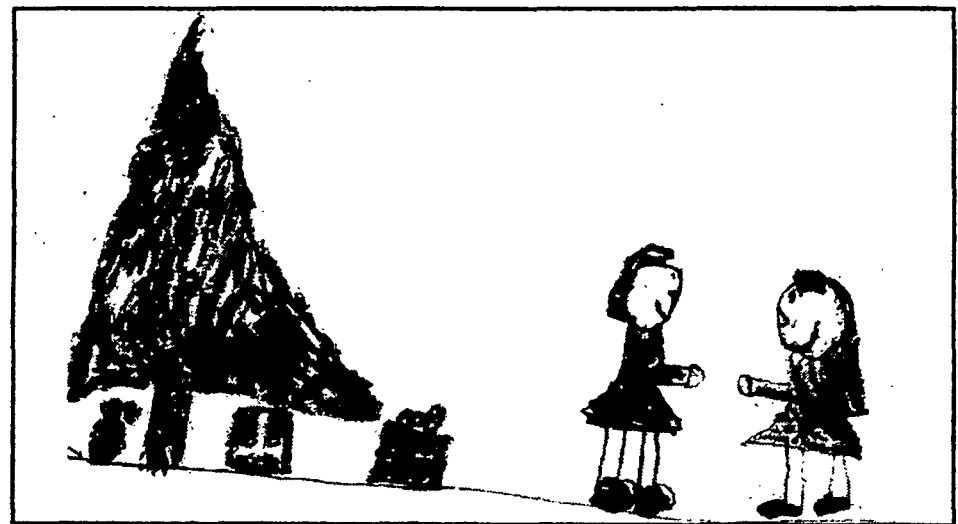
What we want for Christmas is a day for carols, and gifts and Santa Claus. But Christmas really is the day Jesus was born to save us.

Ron Legest Jr., 7, Rochester

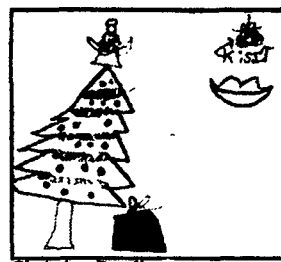
Christmas is love, sharing, family, and being nice to each other.
Caitlin Eberz, 7, Apalachin



Matthew DeMayo
Grade 4, Sacred Heart Cathedral School



Caitlin Eberz



Christina Posella

The meaning of Christmas is about celebrating Jesus' birthday, giving gifts, decorating for it, dressing up, listening to Christmas music, and kissing under the mistletoe!

Christina Posella, 8, Fairport

Christmas:
For my brother Joe and my parents to feel better.
For all the people who are cold

this winter to have a cup of hot cocoa.

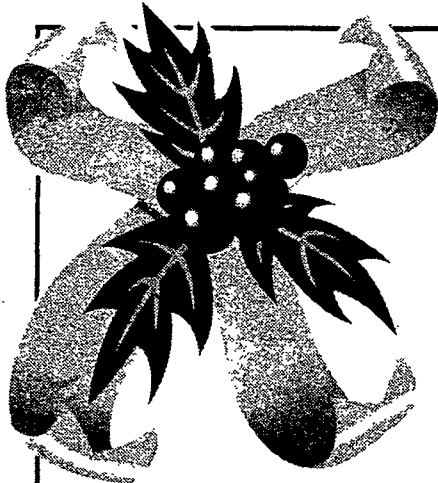
For all the sick children to feel good.
For Sister Yvonne's leg to get better.

For Santa Claus to always know Baby Jesus' love.

**From the children Bharti Dunn
babysits, Honeoye Fall**



Susana Gutierrez, Grade 1, St. Mary's School, Canandaigua



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