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Students Offer Advent Blessings to Sisters of Mercy

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NEWINGTON - Saint Mary School's 4th Grade Students led by their art teacher Mrs. Lori Oleasz recently brought Advent blessings to the neighboring Sisters of Mercy convent. Under the direction of their art teacher, the 4th Grade students created beautiful ornaments using the French-inspired art-form of Decoupage. Each ornament was then inscribed with Christmas "wishes" including hope, love, faith, joy, kindness and peace.

As a way to offer Advent blessings to the Sisters of Mercy, the children decorated a table-top size, fresh evergreen Christmas tree with their handmade ornaments complete with a Star of Bethlehem. Amid a great deal of joy and smiles, the children delivered it to the convent, much to the delight of its recipients. Mrs. Oleasz said, "The decorated tree was intended to be a living, tangible prayer for a blessed Advent for the Sisters on behalf of all the children of Saint Mary School."

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