

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In honor of President's Day yesterday, here is a quote from our 35th President, John F. Kennedy: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

As we live by our actions, let us not forget the beautiful and long-reaching impact those actions have on others and the world. Each day we can truly make a positive difference in the life on another as we also recognize that we have so many things to be thankful for, even in times of despair and darkness.

Sometimes if I am feeling a little overwhelmed by things, I reflect upon a couple of Mother Teresa quotes and try to always live by them. I would like to share these messages with you.

*"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of missing that drop."*

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."*

I believe this connects into the first quote by John F. Kennedy. As we live our lives in appreciation and gratitude for the people in our lives and the things we can do and have, we should never underestimate or undervalue the work we do (even the small things) as our actions can truly spread love and help others to be happier.

Each of you are important and special! Thank you OES sisters and brothers for all you do in the world—big and small. Never underestimate or undervalue the power of kindness and love and how even just a smile to a stranger can make a difference.

I would like to personally invite you to attend several statewide (open to anyone, anywhere) NM OES functions. On the third Sunday of each of the coming months (February 21, March 21, and April 18), we will be having OES virtual functions. The April 18th function is a "Coming Together Mini-Conference" from 2p-5p. To learn more and to register, go to [OESNM.org](http://OESNM.org). For more information and zoom links, please email me. [SabrinaPack@gmail.com](mailto:SabrinaPack@gmail.com)

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