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Dear Family of the Sacred Heart,

As the Provincial Team begins the service of leadership in the United States–Canada Province, our hearts are full of gratitude to you for the blessing you are to the Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) and all whom we serve. Let me be very clear – your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity make possible the reality of our mission to discover and reveal God’s love in the world.

I wonder if you know that your gift to the annual appeal will enable us across our many ministries to help a new generation know St. Madeleine Sophie as a deeply religious woman whose life was lived with the basic belief in the existence of God, revealed in Jesus Christ. Through the work of the Conference of Sacred Heart Education and the Province Formation to Mission Committee, scores of educators, partners in mission, families, students, alumnae and alumni learn how Sophie’s experience of the depth of Christ’s compassion for all compelled her to share this truth with others.

Your generosity will support the RSCJ and our partners in developing programs for children, youth and adults through which they discover the significance of their lives and come to see the value in extending themselves in support of others. The context for this work includes parishes, hospitals, schools, neighborhood centers, and spirituality centers.

Sophie’s life illustrates how living fully in the Risen Christ allows one to see the world with new eyes, eyes of compassion and hope. This is the perspective from which Sophie envisioned the mission of the Society. Her contemplation of the pierced Heart of Jesus in the heart of wounded humanity compelled her to work for justice. One way we continue this work is through our commitment to racial reconciliation and fostering just communities.

Your support enables us to honor our older sisters at a time when many feel vulnerable and ill. For our sisters living at our Oakwood Retirement Community in Atherton, California, and in our communities in Albany and Halifax, we have wonderful healthcare providers who care for our sisters lovingly and professionally. Your donation helps maintain this excellent care.

Asking you to give generously to our annual appeal is audacious. What a difference you can make to the Society’s mission. I trust you will value knowing that your active participation means so much.

United in mission,

Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ

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