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Dear Family of the Sacred Heart,

We are blessed by your generosity. We appreciate your commitment to the Society's mission, your expressions of encouragement, your gracious kindness, your prayer. Through your generous support, you make possible the fulfillment of our mission to discover and to reveal God's love in the world. Your support of our sisters is actually an act of *accompaniment*. In other words, through offering us your assistance, you are walking with us as we engage in mission. As each RSCJ reaches out to another person, you are there in our midst. We thank you.

Your decision to give enables us to provide our older sisters living in the Oakwood Community and in our retirement communities in Albany and Halifax, the care that allows them to remain active in ministries such as spiritual direction, counseling, and prayer.

As we look forward and consider the needs of an increased number of older sisters, we have decided to establish an RSCJ community at the Sarah Community, a faith-based life plan retirement center in St. Louis. Founded in 1997 by five women's religious congregations including ours, this community focuses on respect, compassion and a spirit of hospitality as key elements in meeting the retirement needs and providing long-term care to their members and the general public. It is exciting that this decision means that our sisters who now live there can continue to accompany children and adults, students and faculty of our schools, and alumnae, alumni, and associates in the St. Louis area.

Through your gifts, you are accompanying our sisters at the Sarah Community and all our retirement centers, helping them live these days with dignity and grace. You are present to the extraordinary health care

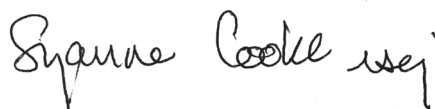
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professionals who work daily with our sisters in the retirement communities and with the ones who continue to live in active communities. No words can convey fully our gratitude to you for this quality of support and presence.

Trusting that you share our belief in young people, we invite you to accompany us as we work with children, adolescents, and young adults in schools and in parishes. Most recently, a group of young people advising Sr. Reyna Gonzalez, the Director of Young People and Vocation Ministry, has created a program called *Sacred Heart DNA (Dream ~ Now Act)*. This program, the fruit of a partnership between RSCJ and young people, connects us with young people (21-30 years old) through shared programs and discussion groups. Through your decision to help us, you are part of this exciting new adventure in grace.

Asking you to give generously to our annual appeal is audacious. Yet, I am encouraged to do so for two reasons. The first is that you are faithful friends who have demonstrated your belief in our mission through your acts of generosity. Second, I see the fruit of your goodness: What a difference you make to the Society's mission in our world! Your response to our annual appeal will enable us to be the Love of the Sacred Heart in our world today. Thank you.

Gratefully in the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Cooke RSCJ". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ  
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P.S. Thank you for being generous. We pray in thanksgiving for you and those you love each day. A life committed to God's people is a life of joy.