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Dear Friend,

Are you ready for some good news? **The Ursuline Sisters are still here.** We're standing with all affected by the still-shaky economy and now, with those reeling from parish closings and mergers. We are still here and still committed to helping wherever we're needed. And with myriad challenges besetting our city and church, we think that's good news.



We continue to serve, not only in our storied ministries of education and faith formation, but also in meeting needs spawned by poverty, social service cutbacks, shifting parish boundaries and personnel cuts. Take Sister Eugene, for instance. At 80+ years of age, she provides an after-school homework program for inner-city children. Or consider Sister Beverly Anne who assists women picking up the pieces of their lives after incarceration. Many and varied needs inspiring generous and compassionate response.



Yes, we continue to see in these unsettling times a special call to service, a plea to engender hope, and to be God's compassion in the world. To do that, we need your help. With the start of our new fiscal year, we launch the 2010-2011 Annual Fund campaign with a goal of \$290,000. Monies generated will help sustain our ministry efforts to provide:



- Catholic education, sacramental preparation and faith formation;
- Support for those coping with change and loss, and comfort for the sick and dying;
- Assistance to homeless women and women reentering society after incarceration;
- Tutoring to reinforce classroom learning and improve school performance, and
- Adult GED training.



The Annual Fund also assists us in caring for our retired and infirm sisters who helped forge the Ursulines' 160-year legacy of service in the diocese and beyond. One such retiree is 81-year-old Sister Francis Borgia who came home to minister to the "older" sisters after 22 years of generous outreach to the people of St. Malachi Parish and its Near West Side neighborhood. Your support will assist her and others like her who ministered many years for little or no compensation.



Your past generosity has assisted us tremendously. Can we count on your partnership in this year's campaign? Any gift large or small can make a significant difference. Please join us in reaching out to those in need. These are indeed challenging times, but the Ursulines are still here. And with your support we will be for years to come.

May God bless you for your generosity. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Sister Susan Durkin, OSU



### URSULINE SISTERS ANNUAL FUND

Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the sisters'  Ministries  Retirement  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

My check is enclosed. (*Payable to Ursuline Sisters*)

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Your gift is tax-deductible by law. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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