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Imagine being alone in your bedroom when a medical emergency strikes. What do you do? Reach for a telephone and call for help, right? Well, what if the closest phone is down the hall five or six rooms away?

This is the potential danger many Ursuline sisters face living at the Motherhouse. There are approximately 20 sisters in bedrooms with no phones because the building's 15-year-old phone system has reached its capacity and cannot accommodate new extensions. So for some sisters the nearest phone is half an institutional hallway away!

To address this critical safety issue, we have designated this year's 21st Century Club appeal for a new phone system for the Ursuline Educational Center/ Motherhouse. This will ensure that every sister has a phone in her room.

Beyond personal safety needs, the new phone system will also improve efficiency of day-to-day administrative operations and provide additional phone lines to support ministries housed in the Ursuline Educational Center. And, quite remarkably, the new modernized system will also reduce our phone bill by 50 percent, a savings of \$1,000-1,200 per month!

This single project will achieve a three fold benefit: provide for the safety of our sisters; support current and future motherhouse ministry needs, and effect significant monthly cost savings.

Throughout the years we have been touched by your support of our 21st Century Club appeal, the yearly campaign designated for capital needs projects at the Ursuline Educational Center. May we count on your generous support once again as we seek to generate the \$50,000 needed for the new phone system?

We are keenly aware of the financial crisis facing us all and so recognize that some are simply not able to give. But any donation, large or small, is appreciated; every gift is a blessing. Funds raised beyond the cost of the phone system will be used for other capital improvement needs.

Be assured that we hold you, our faithful friends and partners, in prayer each day. Your generosity assists us in caring for our elderly sisters and in fulfilling our pledge of service to God's people. May God bless you abundantly for all you are and do.

Gratefully in Saint Angela,



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Director of Development

