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Spring Greetings!

I hope this finds you well and ready for summer. I just love summer...AND the White Sox!

It has been such an exciting year to date, and there have been so many fun things going on that I want to share with you....

As I wrote about in our Fall 2017 newsletter, we were thrilled to be able to build two new hermitages for guests looking for that tranquil place to just “be”. The buildings are completely done and we’ve been receiving visitors since late last fall. There has been very positive feedback from our guests which makes this project all worth it. The hermitages, along with our property, offer a calm and relaxing stay for anyone needing to renew their spirit. Often people become overstressed or perhaps emotionally spent and don’t even realize it. But after staying in one of our hermitages we are regularly told just how much their time away renewed their enthusiasm for life. So in partnership and because of your generosity, we have been able to share the hermitages with so many others. It’s humbling to know that sometimes the littlest gestures mean the most.

Just like those late-night commercials we, too, can say “But wait, there’s more!” In late 2018 we broke ground on a new convent which is being built on the grounds of One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center. Initially, there will be 7 Sisters moving there, including me. Our days of living on the St. Mary’s Hospital campus will come to an end. Those Sisters living at St. Mary’s will relocate to the new building as will the three Sisters presently residing in the 100 + year old farmhouse on the One Heart One Soul property. The old farm house has been challenging as it’s two stories with very steep stairs. Our new building is all on one level, making it much easier for everyone to get around.

Regrettably, due to all of the construction, we will not be having the Annual Picnic here on the property as we’ve had in the past. With the building and lack of parking, we made the decision to cancel our September picnic.

We are being told by the builder that he will be able to complete the project and have it ready for us to move in by the end of October. It’s going well so far, in spite of the nasty winter weather stopping them in their tracks. But they are now back and at full speed. It’s fun to watch the day to day progress and wonder “how do they do it?!”

I wanted to make sure to tell you of our new endeavors (the hermitages and our new convent) as you are such an integral part of our ministries. It’s due to you, your love and your generous hearts that we are able to move forward with these projects.

All of the Sisters involved are enthusiastically focused on organizing and packing in preparation for the move. And as we prepare for our new ‘home’, I want to take a minute to **thank you** from the bottom of my heart. Your unwavering loyalty to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary’s numerous ministries humbles each and every one of us. I know I speak for all of our Sisters when I express our appreciation for you. You are part of our ‘family’. And with your help, we will steadily continue to serve the less fortunate among us with the same unwavering dedication that you have shown us over the years. There is no way we could accomplish what we have, without you.

So, we wish good health and happy hearts to you and your family. You are in our prayers daily and we pray that God blesses you abundantly!

In Mary’s Heart,

Sister Carol, SSCM

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Province Leader

PS: We will keep you updated on the new convent! Below are pictures of our hermitages and convent....

