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Dear Supporters of SSMI:

The season of Lent reminded us of sacrifice and letting go. We remember how Jesus greatly suffered on the cross and sacrificed his mortal life, so that we may have eternal life in him.

Currently, we are witnesses to suffering all around us. Nationally, our country and citizens are facing troubled economic times. Locally, The Diocese of Cleveland is closing many of our beloved parishes in order to make the overall welfare of our church stronger. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI) are also preparing for change.

The Most Reverend Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, has asked SSMI to modify their mission to the homebound elderly of Slavic Village and the surrounding areas. While two Sisters continue to work with approximately 130 clients, one Sister serves at the Holy Family Home in Parma each month where she provides pastoral care to the patients and their families.

Over the coming years, as Holy Family Home expands into the community, each of the other Sisters will be needed to meet the growing needs of the Holy Family Home ministry. While the timing of this change is not completely known, the Sisters are preparing to make this transition to Holy Family Home. We will work with parishes and other community organizations over time to assure that proper care will be given to our current clients.

Meanwhile, Trustees and Advisory Board members of SSMI's Endowment Fund in Memory of Sr. Amelia Kuska unanimously agreed to continue with plans for the 2009 Dinner Dance as a way to show appreciation of the Sisters and their supporters.

Due to the circumstances, the event will be slightly different from those held in the past. We will continue to have live music and a wonderful catered dinner. There will also be door prizes and raffles, including the wheelbarrow of wine and liquor. The popular goody bags will also make a return and perhaps a limited auction will take place.

Channels 19 & 43 Reporter Paul Orlousky will act as the event's emcee and representatives from SSMI's Baltimore provincial house will be in attendance.

The date of the Dinner Dance is scheduled for **September 19, 2009**, so mark your calendars now and watch your mailbox for the formal invitation in the early summer.

As we prepare to make this change required by Bishop Lennon, we thank you for being one of our most generous and cherished blessings. May God continue to keep you in His loving care and know that you are remembered in the prayers and good works of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.



God Bless You & Happy Easter!

Sisters Anna, Barbara, & Ce Ann

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

2009 Easter Celebration

The Sisters hosted their annual Holy Saturday luncheon prior to the delivery of meals to their clients. Father Walter Jenne blessed the baskets of food and those who were present.



John and Kathy Dogger and
Joanne and Rich Abramczyk



Sr. Ce Ann
Sambor



Nicholas Mackin
delivers chocolate
to Sisters Barbara
Bugala and Anna
Kaszuba.

Father Walter
Jenne prays.



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2009 Calendar of Events

September 19, 2009
SSMI Dinner Dance

Alliance of Poles of America
6966 Broadway Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44105
6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.



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