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REPORT 2017

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This Gratitude Report captures and summarizes the good work you have helped us accomplish this past year through your support with prayers and financial resources. Feel the thankfulness we send with it.

2017 has been a special time of blessings. Listening to the Holy Spirit as did our foundress Blessed Catherine Kasper, ministries experienced God’s grace as they grew, addressed new needs or completed their tasks. As an example, Sojourner Truth House marked its 20th year of serving homeless women and children in Gary. Nazareth Home began the process of transitioning from a foster-care home to a group home affiliated with Indiana Family and Social Services. Our Beef and Grain Farm strengthened the agricultural education component of Ancilla College. Bethany Retreat House came to completion. Ministries in Donaldson collaborated in creative ways to bolster The Center at Donaldson both individually and collectively.

In 2017 we Sisters met in Chapter to set new goals for the next four years and to elect leaders to guide us in these directions. We reaffirmed our commitment to contemplative dialogue and proclaiming our congregational voice in justice issues. We determined to watch our language so to be less polarizing and more intent to find what unifies during these politically fragmenting times. We affirmed values and practices for sustainability, stewardship of our lands, and intercultural living.

And during 2017 we entrusted to God’s eternal caring five of our Sisters – Sister Richilde Dettmer, Sister Marjaleen Kelley, Sister Wilma Boeving, Sister Josephine Iffert and Sister Agatha Niebrugge.

As you notice, this year’s report is taking a different shape, a format we think best demonstrates our value of good stewardship of resources and care for the earth. We’ve eliminated the multi-page booklet that consumed a lot of paper and finances. Instead, we are utilizing a digital outlet to provide you with the Honor Roll of our donors, along with the members of our Catherine Kasper Society and recent contributors to our Memorial Prayer Garden. Gifts given “in memory of” and “in honor of” are included as well as Mass Association enrollments.

Again, know of our deep thanks for all the ways you partner with us. As our foundress and Saint-to-be Katharina Kasper says, “Everything for God and everything with God.”

Sincerely,

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