Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Sisters of the Holy Names, I thank you for the many ways you supported our ministries last year and for your faithful support of the needs of our retired Sisters and our Care Center in Los Gatos. We are so very grateful for all of your financial gifts, donations of goods and services, and contributions of volunteer time and talent.

Rather than printing the many pages it would take to list all of our donors individually, we thought you would appreciate seeing some of the many ways your gifts in 2008 helped to support our Sisters in ministry, maintain the Los Gatos Convent, and improve the welfare and safety of our senior Sisters.

Thank you for the blessing you are to all of us. May God be with you and your loved ones in this new year, and always.

With gratitude,

Sister Kathryn Ondreyco, Development Director

March 2009
Thank You for helping us to

Improve the lives of at-risk children and adults here at home...

Villa Maria del Mar
Supporting our not-for-profit retreat center; used by Catholic and Ecumenical groups, 12-Step participants, parish councils, educators, and community public-benefit groups.

San Andreas Education Project
One-on-one tutoring for children of farm laborers in Watsonville.

SNJM Ministry Grant for Senior Retreats
Providing older parishioners in the Oakland area with opportunities for physical, mental and social renewal.

ESL for Immigrant Sisters
Teaching English to Sisters, of all orders, who come from Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, El Salvador and Korea to minister in Los Angeles parishes.

SNJM Grant to L’Arche (Nehalem, Oregon)
Enabling developmentally disabled adults and their caregivers to receive training.

Santee Mission Center
Providing a library, clothing, toys, activities, and Religious Education classes for needy children in San Jose.

Holy Names Convent
The Sisters’ only Retirement and Long-Term Care Center in California. Thank you for helping us improve our heating system, replace our water pump, and accommodate the disabled. Left: An automatic door and ramp provide Sisters with a safe and independent means of emergency exit from the Convent library.
...and around the world

Lima, Peru

Reducing The Spread of Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS Through Education and Better Nutrition

Left: Families learn all about these diseases, preventive measures, and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

Below: Women learn about good nutrition and its role in maintaining a healthy immune system. Together they prepare healthful meals to take home to their families.

And Teaching Adults to Read and Write

Below: Students receive their primary school diplomas.

Lesotho, Africa

Helping HIV/AIDS Orphans

Providing basic health care, nutrition, and a Catholic education.

Leading Survival Skills Workshops to help protect them from becoming victims of disease, prostitution, human-trafficking or other forms of abuse.

Teaching Living Skills that help develop their self-reliance and ability to provide for themselves.

And Gathering and Shipping Medical Supplies and Equipment to Hospitals, Health Centers, and SNJM Clinics. (Below)

Rivas, Nicaragua

Caring For Orphans at Casa Asis Orphanage

Providing loving care and early education skills for orphans, from newborn to the age of seven.

Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua

Educating the Poor

Supporting Maura Clark School and CECIM.
Her Vision, Our Mission

Sisters of the Holy Names live in the spirit and charism of their foundress, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, working to fulfill her compelling desire to educate the poor, to empower struggling women both intellectually and spiritually, and to enable the development of others to their full potential.

Thank you for your generous gifts at Christmas

Our Sisters and Associates pray for the intentions of all of our donors and for the special intentions written on the Christmas ornaments they received.

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