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## Dear Friends,

"Copper Ridge Conference Centre will be the site of many life-changing decisions that will impact families down through the centuries". These words from Msgr. Frederick Dolan, Vicar of Opus Dei for Canada, capture well the spirit that moved many people to be so generous in helping this project. I hope that they will also spur all of us to give a final push towards building this legacy of faith together.

We are looking for the final donations that would allow us to start the construction this summer. As you know, this is an ambitious 12 million dollar project. We have raised 9

million so far in pledges and financing. We need your help now to reach our target. You can donate using the <u>donation card</u> or by visiting our <u>website</u>.

It's encouraging to see that many people have been taking initiatives to raise funds for the project. Following are some examples that may inspire you:

- On February 11th more than 150 people attended a <u>Valentine Concert</u> featuring talented and renowned soloist Stephanie Nakagawa and pianist Peemanat "Benz" Kittimontreechai. The proceeds of more than \$6,200 went towards our project. A big thank-you to the organizers, the musicians and the attendees.
- Mrs. Julia Dee, a mother of nine, shared her homemaking knowledge and skills in a
  presentation entitled "Homemaking—the most important profession". This was
  followed by demonstrations of chemical-free cleaning products and natural skincare
  products. Proceeds from the sale of products (\$500) were donated to the project.
- Another generous supporter asked friends and family who came to celebrate her 60th birthday that, in lieu of gifts, they make donations to CRCC. This allowed her to raise \$1500 for the project.

It's moving to see such creativity and selflessness in encouraging family and friends to be generous. A big thank you to everyone.

To finish I would like to share with you a brief testimonial from Bonnie Way, homemaker and mother: "I went on my first retreat this fall and had an amazingly refreshing and faith-deepening weekend. It made me long for the completion of Copper Ridge—a place to get away from the city, a place of prayer and rest, with a real chapel, a real confessional and staff who pray for you each day. Let's help make it happen!"

Like Bonnie, many of us are dreaming of making our retreat at Copper Ridge. Working together we can make this dream a reality.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support and count on your prayers for the success of this project.

Best regards,

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