Pilgrims of Faith Marian Center (PFMC)

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Dear Readers of "The PILGRIM,"

We are in the process of closing our financial books for the fiscal year ending *June 30*, 2004. We desperately need your help for this Marian Center for Peace to continue with its spiritual work.

For those who can, please use the enclosed donation slip and envelope to contribute toward the work we do particularly "The PILGRIM" periodical.

Even the smallest amount would be helpful. Indication of prayer for us is also appreciated.

We cannot continue this "The PILGRIM" periodical and the other vital work of the Pilgrims of Faith Marian Center (PFMC) without your regular support. We are trimming the costs of operation as much as we can. We hate to cut people off the list of those who receive "The PILGRIM" periodical but we must without regular contact and at least offers of prayer.

We have never charged a subscription fee and do not intend to do so since so many retired persons, priests, religious, and students need "The PILGRIM" periodical for their spiritual support.

With all the printing work, except for envelopes and donation slips, now done in house by volunteers like Keith, our printing costs have been reduced so the total cost went from about \$1.50 per issue of "The **PILGRIM**" periodical to less than \$1 per issue. This still comes to over \$2500 per month.

The **PFMC** monthly operating expenses are high – nearly \$6000. Rent, for more than 8000 square feet of space, is holding at \$4000. Electricity has been on a budget bill of \$700 but our cost cutting has reduced it to \$638 for the coming months. Our phone bill has been reduced considerably by good shopping on Keith's part since he retired but it is still near \$250. Heating and air conditioning is at rock bottom cost of about \$250 because of the energy efficient installation done during construction. Maintenance is the tricky part since we can't tell when we'll need a new well pump at \$2000 or more. This is the heart of the heating and air conditioning system and we had a failure this year. We also had a nearly \$1000 controller board failure which was not in the budget. Other utilities add up to about \$100 but this year we had septic problems which cost about \$1600. Supplies for the office and general operations of the **PFMC** as well as inventory additions for the displays make up the rest of the costs each month. When we have low attendance at our events the event and display donations don't keep up with the event and inventory costs.

Please visit us, particularly our display rooms, for your spiritual needs. Order your spiritual articles and reading materials through us. We also have the upstairs Great Room available for your groups meetings.

Our all-volunteer staff is here to help you with intercessory prayer, healing ministry, or finding any information you might need. We are also available to book your pilgrimage needs or to schedule retreats and conferences. Please use us as one of your resources to help you get to Jesus through Mary.

Please if you can help us with a monthly donation, or a large one-time donation, this would help us continue the work of the **PFMC** Goals and Objectives, particularly Healing and Evangelization.

Thank you for this CRITICAL help to our financial needs. Without you this non-profit, all-volunteer ministry cannot continue its operations. Please help us by marking the enclosed donation slip and put something in the enclosed envelope addressed to the **PFMC**.

In Christ, through Our Lady's Immaculate Heart,

In addition to the normal donation coupon which is enclosed with a check sized envelope in every issue of "**The PILGRIM**" we sent out a special appeal in 2003 with the hopes of obtaining monthly, quarterly, or annual donation commitments.

Below is printed a copy of one of the previous coupons. Each month the date is changed so that we can see which issues of "*The PILGRIM*" foster better response.

Enclosed is my prayer petition:
(Continue on the back as necessary. This slip with a prayer petition will be placed under the crucifix in the <i>Pilgrims of Faith Marian Center (PFMC)</i> Prayer Room and taken on the next <i>PFMC</i> pilgrimage.)
☐ Continue Sending ☐ Cancel Sending Monthly Periodical " <i>The PILGRIM</i> ." ☐ No Further Contact.
Enclosed is a donation (tax deductible) to the $PFMC$ for $General\ Fund\ (GF)$ or "The $PILGRIM"\ (TP)$: (Use " GF " or " TP " instead of "x" or " \checkmark " to indicate where you wish your donation to be allocated.)
\$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$ by Check payable to <i>PFMC</i> or charge to
Discover Master Card Visa Credit Card Account: Print Numbers Clearly
Expires: / Name on Card: Signature:
NAME: PHONE: ()
7/04 ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE: ZIP: (Consider pasting a mailing address return label in the area above rather than writing out all of the information)

The boxes are for use in controlling your monthly bulk mail delivery of "The PILGRIM" as many are now reading it on-line at http://www.geocities.com/pilgrimsfaith/pilgrim04.htm. If you do not wish to receive the annual Christmas issue, indicate NO FURTHER CONTACT. Many people still differentiate the uses of their donations between the General Fund (GF) and "The PILGRIM" (TP) by use of these initials on the lines after specific amounts. The GF includes the rent a portion of which is used to pay down the mortgage principal and interest. The mortgage balance is about \$230,000. The credit card information is self-explanatory.

Below is a coupon similar to that enclosed with the 2002 special appeal. All the areas of this coupon are self-explanatory. Cut it out and send it in if you want us to take a regular donation by credit card.

Recognizing the importance of the <i>Pilgrims of Faith Marian Center (PFMC)</i>
ministry to me, I pledge a \$donation
I will write a check payable to PFMC or authorize the PFMC to charge Discover
MasterCard Visa Credit Card Account:
Expires:/ at the frequency indicated.
I will update card information when called. Signature:
NAME: PHONE: ()
ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE: ZIP: (Consider pasting a mailing address return label in the area above rather than writing out all of the information)

Thanks for your generosity in prayers, thoughts, and any donation.

We really do appreciate the many of you who so regularly utilize your donation coupons and envelopes. Special thanks are due to those who authorize monthly donations using their credit cards.