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August 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope this email finds you and your family well.

On behalf of the Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery, I wanted to share with you that the decision has been made to cancel the Laetare Benefit for 2020. We had rescheduled it to September 27th in the hopes that the COVID-19 virus would be behind us. Given that masks and social distancing are still in place, and due to continued concerns that large social gatherings contribute to the spread of the virus, we thought it most prudent to forego the celebration this year.

We realize that this is an unfortunate turn of events, given that the nuns rely on our event to provide funds for their living expenses throughout the year. However, from ticket sales, donations, advertising revenue and advance purchases in the Angel Auction, we raised \$65,000, which will meet most of the nuns' needs this year, except for a deposit into the Chapel Building Fund.

If you are willing to consider your ticket purchase a donation in support of the nuns, you do not need to do anything. For all amounts received over \$250, we will be sending out a tax letter stating that your donation is entirely tax-deductible.

If you would like to be refunded for your ticket purchase, please contact us by August 30th at friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

God bless you, and thank you for your support of the cloistered nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery. You are in their daily prayers!

Sincerely,



Mary Beth Riordan

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