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Dear Friend in Christ:

Thank you for all you do in helping youth be closer to Christ.

Engaging Catholic youth within Church life not only requires determination, discipline and desire, but also creative talent and spirit. For the past three years the Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry (OFCYM) has been blessed to partner with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center for Chicago (CCRCC) in providing evangelization events for the youth in our vicariate. Thanks to this partnership, *Young Leaders of Chicago* is making a big difference in the lives of hundreds of youth.

Since our last fundraiser, *Young Leaders* has touched over 1500 youth with 30 youth rallies, service projects and retreats. In addition, thanks to *Young Leaders*, Vicariate IV now has a youth evangelization council that meets quarterly to strategize on creative ways to reach out to un-churched youth. Just this past summer the *Young Leader Evangelization Council* (YLEC) participated in *Cornerstone Music Festival*, celebrating daily Mass and learning new evangelization techniques with other Christian youth. What impresses me the most about the YLEC is how dedicated they are to touching the lives of those who do not necessarily go to Church.

I want to encourage you to support *Invest in the Future Fundraising Breakfast* this coming November 20, which will be held at Elmcrest Banquets, 7370 West Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL at 9 a.m. The attached flyer details the event and outlines different ways you can help out.

I realize that there are many worthy causes that merit your support, but please note, that by making a contribution to the *Invest in the Future Breakfast* your donation will go directly to youth evangelization, which is one of the most underdeveloped areas in the Catholic church here in the United States. *Young Leaders* is extremely cost effective. The average total cost for a monthly youth rally is a mere \$166. What a bargain! Please be generous!

Thank you again for your support and for supporting Youth Ministry.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria H. Sedano".

Maria H. Sedano (Maruja)

Director

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