



GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION ANNUAL APPEAL 2008

Dear Friends of the Grotto:

Today, as throughout its history, the Grotto of the Redemption is sustained entirely by the support of visitors, benefactors, and volunteers. During 2007, the Grotto was visited by nearly 35,000 people from 49 states and 40 foreign countries. We welcomed many repeat visitors and were thrilled by the number of first-time, 'awe-struck' visitors, young and old alike. It would be hard to imagine our town, community, county and state without the existence of The Grotto; we all enjoy taking family and guests to marvel and learn from this wonderful treasure.

Our annual appeal goal for 2007-08 is \$30,000 and we depend on your generous support. Please know the following as you consider Grotto support:

- Every effort is being made to be prudent in prioritizing resources of staff, Grotto preservation and upkeep while maintaining a quality-filled experience for our tourist guests.
- In 2007, donations to the annual appeal were used to upgrade the Rock Studio lighting and seating, purchase new grills in the campground area, replace a broken drinking fountain and refurbish the shed Fr. Greving used to polish and cut rocks.
- A major operational change was made in leasing the Grotto Café. This change benefited all affected parties- the visitors, the Grotto's bottom line and the person who leased the café.
- Fr. Verne Stapenhorst moved to West Bend in September and is actively involved with Grotto visitors and special events at the Grotto. A very welcomed addition!
- West Bend's Knights of Columbus funded and replaced a large section of heavily used, damaged sidewalk.

We need your annual assistance for the preservation of The Grotto to help continue Fr. Dobberstein's vision and message to our troubled world. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

God Bless You,

Rhonda Miller, Director

Fr. Victor Ramaeker, Board Member

YES, I want to make a tax-deductible contribution to support The Grotto for future generations to appreciate!

Name: _____

Please choose a giving level

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City: _____

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State / Zip: _____

In consideration of my special interest in the
Grotto of the Redemption, please accept this gift
of \$_____ toward the Grotto Annual Appeal.

E-mail: _____

Mail your gift and this form to: **Grotto of the Redemption, PO Box 376, West Bend, IA 50597**