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### ANNUAL APPEAL 2010

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. In 2009, thanks to a grant from the PACGDC, we expanded our print and radio advertising levels, which helped increase our visitor count. During 2009, the Grotto was visited by nearly 30,000 people from 50 states and 48 foreign countries. We welcomed many repeat visitors and were thrilled by the number of first-time, 'awe-struck' visitors, young and old alike.

In 2009, donations to the annual appeal were used to:

- Sandblast, repair and repaint 3 fountains (\$5200)
- Purchase a riding lawn mower to replace our 15-year old one (\$7500)
- Hire preservation specialists to evaluate the Grotto and provide us with a comprehensive preservation plan (\$3750)
- Expand inventory storage within the gift shop (\$1890)

As you consider Grotto support, please know that every effort is made to be prudent in prioritizing resources of staff, Grotto preservation and upkeep while maintaining a quality-filled experience for our tourist guests.

Our annual appeal goal for 2010 is \$20,000 to help complete the following projects:

- Purchase an aerial lift to be used in our on-going restoration and maintenance (\$14,000)
- Re-shingle the shelter house in campground (\$2400)
- Expand print advertising efforts (\$3600)

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of my special interest in the

Grotto of the Redemption, please accept this gift

of \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward the Grotto Annual Appeal.

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