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To

**All Member Congregations
Rome Constellation**

Nov. 30, 2011

Dear Sisters,

Ever since the establishment of Jubilee Community Centre, sister-students from disadvantaged countries have benefitted from your generous donations and pledges which have kept the centre alive and vibrant.

This is an ideal location from the point of view of silence, space and ambiance; sister-students often mention this. Over these eleven and half years almost four hundred sisters have passed through the portals of Jubilee Community Centre.

Your annual membership fee and timely donations have helped support the Centre and allowed us to respond to multiple exigencies.

However, in recent years the scenario has been changing gradually and today we face a different reality. Students have several more options in their own countries and funding agencies are slow to sponsor students who are able to study in their country of origin. Hence, enrollment is decreasing rapidly. Some students who received scholarships now face the hard reality that their scholarships cannot be renewed. This is another challenge the Jubilee Centre faces. Yet another is the distance from their University as students complete courses in one Faculty and are obliged to change their University. Some students realize that the best way to resolve some of their financial problems is to find a cheaper residence, closer to the University and which permits them to cook their own food, thus saving on finances. These, together with the global financial crisis, are some of the challenges JCC faces today after having served sister-students since the year 2000.

The Executive Board of the Jubilee Community Centre has seriously studied the changing scenario of the Centre. Having explored all possible options of keeping the ship afloat, and realizing that the Centre has run its course, the Executive Board, after carefully reviewing all pros and cons, **has decided to close the Jubilee Centre at the end of the academic year 2011 – 2012.**

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This may not be acceptable to many but we realize we have no options before us.

We request you, dear Member congregations, to honor your pledges and membership fees for the calendar year 2012 in order for us to meet our financial obligations through June. We sincerely need and desire to close the doors gracefully in June 2012 and together celebrate our mission of service over these many years.

Member congregations which have pledged beyond 2012, could we ask you to advance even a portion of your extended pledge to enable us to meet budget needs and other impending exigencies? We are sure you would want to complete the good work that you started in 2000.

Member congregations which pay the annual fee, if you think you could make an extra donation to help us meet our financial obligations, we'd be more than grateful. That would be extremely generous and gracious on your part.

Initially, the Jubilee Community Centre was seen as a ten-year project. It has served an additional two years but will not make it beyond June 2012.

We thank each of you dear Member congregations for your ongoing support, collaboration and concern which Jubilee Community Centre enjoyed over these years. Without your co-operation and spirit of solidarity none of this would have been possible.

Thank you very much...each one of you.

Very gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sr. Lorraine Marie csj'.

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