Dear Friend,

“When Noah built the ark it wasn’t raining! Plan Ahead!”

Recently I saw this sign outside a Church. Very clever!

It made me think of you and the Solanus Casey Center. For the past several years, friends of Father Solanus have been urging us to “plan ahead!” before it starts raining!

May I have a moment to share an exciting new idea?

The Solanus Casey Legacy Fund is all about planning ahead. I’m sure you have put “something away for a rainy day” – so too we who love and care for the Solanus Casey Center need to do the same.

Many long-time friends and supporters have expressed their concern about the future financial viability of the Solanus Casey Center. They want us always to have the necessary resources to hold open the doors just like Father Solanus did. We need to preserve this sacred and welcoming space for all who come to pray at the tomb and to seek his powerful intercession before God.

The Solanus Casey Legacy Fund was established in 2014 by a number of very generous friends who urged us to “plan ahead” to ensure the Center has a blessed and secure future.

Will you join with them today?

The Solanus Casey Legacy Fund has one simple goal: to endow the Center so that all of the ordinary annual operating costs can be paid with the interest that the Fund generates.

This is a long-term goal. This is “planning ahead” with a Legacy Fund that will live on long into the future and open doors for pilgrims and those in need of healing in future generations yet unborn.

Through the extraordinary generosity of a small number of friends the Solanus Casey Legacy Fund has raised 25% of its goal of thirteen and a half million dollars. I know that is a lot of money – but God is, as you can see, already blessing us, and I pray your support will be an added blessing!

Together with this advisory group of friends, it was agreed to invest the funds with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. This highly respected Foundation in the Detroit area manages the investments of many non-profits, including religious non-profits, in our community. All donations to the Solanus Legacy Fund through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan are tax deductible.

Today I am appealing to you as a friend of the Solanus Casey Center to help us move closer to our goal.
There are a number of ways for you to consider RIGHT NOW!

1. Make a direct donation. Simply send me your check in the envelope provided. PLEASE NOTE! Your check needs to be made out to Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and write in the memo line Solanus Casey Legacy Fund.

2. Through the mail or with your credit card, you could make a recurring gift to the Solanus Casey Legacy Fund by signing the enclosed form.

3. If you wish to make your donation on-line by credit card please go to www.solanuscenter.org.

4. As you “plan ahead” for your own estate, consider remembering the Solanus Casey Legacy Fund in your Will, Bequest, Life Insurance or Trust.

5. A Charitable Gift Annuity for the Solanus Casey Legacy Fund might also be a good option for you. An Annuity allows you and a beneficiary to receive a regular income for life with the remainder of the Annuity going to the Solanus Casey Legacy Fund at the death of the last beneficiary.

Use the enclosed Solanus Casey Legacy Fund Reply Form to make your donation or indicate your generous intention. If you would like to discuss your gift or if you have any questions, please feel free to call the Solanus Casey Center Manager, Angela Morris, at 313-579-2100 ext. 173 or amorris@thecapuchins.org.

To recognize those who donate generously to the Solanus Casey Legacy Fund, we will soon be installing a new Donor Board in the Atrium of the Solanus Casey Center. This future recognition will be based on your total donations to the Fund over time. You can also make your donation in memory of a loved one. More information on the Donor Board is included with my letter.

God in His wonderful kindness and generosity guided the Earth to a prosperous and grace filled future as a result of Noah’s faithfulness. I am confident God’s wonderful kindness and generosity will guide the Solanus Casey Center to a grace filled future as well.

Trusting in God in this Holy Year of Mercy, just like our ancestor in faith Noah, I ask you to be as generous as he was in helping us prepare for that future.

You and your loved ones are in our daily prayers and Masses.

Fr. Larry Webber OFM Cap.
Executive Director Capuchin Development Office

P.S. I know this is an extraordinary and different need. But I trust you will agree with us in the need to “plan ahead” – even if it is not yet raining!

The Solanus Casey Legacy Fund seeks to endow the Solanus Casey Center so that all future operating costs can be paid with the interest that the Fund generates each year. Please share in this long-term goal. Please join us in holding open these doors for pilgrims and those in need of healing in future generations.