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Dear Friend,

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The month of October is a time of significant celebrations and remembrances for our community. As Franciscans, we begin by celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, preceded on the evening of October 3 with a prayer of remembrance of his death – known as the *Transitus*. This observance is followed by our celebration of Covenant Day on October 7 – a major event in the history of the **Society of the Atonement**.

October 7, 2023 will mark 125 years since our Founders covenanted with God and with each other to establish the **Society of the Atonement**. The Society is comprised of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement and the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. Many people may know that we are one Society, that we have the same Founders and a common mission “that all may be one,” and that we live on the same “holy mountain” at Graymoor; however, they may not realize that we are independent communities that have separate leadership and funding. We have separate governing structures, our distinctive ministries, separate finances, separate fund-raising efforts, and each community owns separate land and buildings here at Graymoor.

We are, at the same time, a close-knit family – the **Society of the Atonement**. We celebrate these October feasts and other significant milestones together. In the coming year we will keep you informed of preparations toward the year-long celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our founding that occurred on December 15, 1898, right here at Graymoor. We pray that many will have an opportunity to celebrate with us, and we trust that you will continue to be our support as we live our Founders’ vision into the future – “that all may be one.”

Sincerely, in Christ,

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