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Dear Family and Friends of Loretto,

As you may have heard by now, the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loretto Sisters) are celebrating their 100 years of service in the Archdiocese of Chicago this summer on August 17th. As you have shared so much with us in the past we hope you will also be able to share this big event with us. Now, as we look forward to this Centenary Celebration there are two other sharing experiences to which we would like to especially invite you.

There will be an evening of recollection on February 26th, conducted by Monsignor John Gorman of St. Michael's Church, Orland Park. This will be conducted at St. Catherine of Alexandria's, 10621 S. Keivale, Oak Lawn, Illinois, 60453 - (one block west of Pulaski).

As this date is during the beginning of the Lenten Season, the theme will center around Loneliness and Solitude. In one way or another loneliness is an experience known to all of us which is directly related to our human experience as we are called to fullness in the Lord. There will be a conference and the celebration of the Liturgy beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall. There is no reservation needed nor fee required. We would just appreciate your presence.

On April 20th, another Centennial event for the American IBVM, will be a pilgrimage to Joliet, where our first foundation was made in 1880. Relatives and friends are invited to join us at St. Mary's Church on Ottawa and Clinton Streets for a 3 o'clock Mass offered by Bishop Joseph L. Imesch, Bishop of Joliet.

The members of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary invite you to join us as we re-trace the steps of their first Sisters in Joliet, decorate their graves in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, and in a penitential attitude, celebrate Mass for the corporate sins and failings of the Institute. Please join us there.

*See you there -
Love,*

Sincerely in Christ,
Sr. Nancy Kennelly
for the Sisters of the
Institute of the Blessed Virgin
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