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Dear Schoenstatt Family,

Dear friends and neighbors,

Ever since hurricane Harvey hit our property on August 26, 2017, we have been gradually restoring our buildings. Much restoration work has already been finished and we are very grateful for all the help we received in so many ways during the past years.

Recently we had to make a very painful decision regarding the future of House Confidentialia, the largest house on the property. Because of the severe structural damage this building suffered it would be extremely expensive to restore it. Nonetheless, finances are not our only concern. As community, we simply do not have the sisters we would need to maintain and administer such a large building. We are therefore dealing with a company that will take this building down and, in the process, will salvage as much as possible for others to use. The foundation slab of the building will remain in case it is possible and helpful to build a smaller building on this site in the future.

Thank you for all your support and please pray that what is salvaged from this house can be a sign of hope for families in need.

Gratefully yours in Jesus & Mary,

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