



*A Party Of A Higher Order*

July 18, 2008

Ms. Stacy Prestegard  
On-site Sanitation  
95 Woodlynn Ave  
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Dear Stacy,

Thank you for helping with the 2008 Cities 97 Basilica Block Party!

Once again it was exciting to celebrate this summer tradition with great music, good food and lots of fun. I want you to know how much I appreciate your leadership in this year's Party of a Higher Order with portable toilets. I am very grateful to everyone who helped to make our fourteenth annual block party an overwhelming success.

To help us host over 20,000 people, we had over 1,600 wonderful volunteers who helped make the weekend safe and enjoyable. It was a wonderful celebration of community and our church. It is a blessing to see so many people enthusiastic about the Basilica of Saint Mary.

As you may know, proceeds from the Basilica Block Party fund the renovation and restoration of The Basilica of Saint Mary, a landmark featured on the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, ten percent of all Block Party proceeds benefit our St. Vincent de Paul outreach to the poor. Through this ministry we are truly able to make all who visit us feel welcome.

Thank you again with this year's Basilica Block Party. Please know of our parish's as well as my personal gratitude for your role with On-site Sanitation. With your help, we will continue to spread the wonderful spirit of the Basilica of Saint Mary throughout our great city.

Sincerely,

Rev. John M. Bauer  
Pastor, The Basilica of Saint Mary

P.S. I hope you will mark your calendar for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Basilica Block Party, scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.