Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Fund, Onc.

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Dear Friends of Holy Angels:

Another year has come and gone, as they only seem to go by faster. I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Where to begin, as 2011 was a very busy year for us. In our last meeting, the board approved cemetery work consisting of addressing Fr. Geling's monument and straightening up of headstones. I am pleased to report Fr. Geling's monument has been completely restored. Immediately after Memorial Day cemetery services, the monument was opened and the statue removed. Over the course of the next couple of months, the statue was cleaned, repaired and refinished. Over the course of 90 plus years of weathering, the plaster of paris had started to crumble and the paint faded. On the outside monument, the cement had cracked and pitted and the front

letters were falling off. Several coats of cement were applied to the monument and then it was completely refinished inside and out. The statue of Jesus was re-installed and a new frame with shatter resistant glass was installed to seal it from the elements. The top cross was taken off the monument, as it was crumbling. A linch thick piece of black granite was installed on the monument's top and a new granite cross was constructed and installed. The colors were chosen to replicate the church colors, as Fr. Geling modeled this monument after the church structure. A picture of the restored monument shown at the right.







Along with the monument work, approximately 70 head stones were straightened and repaired. Many of these were from the 1800's and

early 1900's. All steel monuments were also repaired and refinished. Many of these were completely taken out, new bottoms put in (what goes into the ground), and then put back in place. Also, several unknown graves received new granite markers laid in cement. Several headstones had missing crosses or they were in a state of condition needing replacement. Forms were made and 24 new crosses were poured. These were then installed, so all headstones that had a cross at one time, now have them again. Pictures of the restored headstones and unknown markers shown.



This summer, a tornado just Southwest of Roselle produced in excess of 80 mile an hour winds that struck the church. The church sustained damage to its roof, front doors, basement windows and steeple, where a vent was blown out and the cross, which stands proud at approximately 150 feet in the air was twisted.

Working with the Diocese of Sioux City, I am pleased to inform you a new Decra steel shingle roof and new basement windows have already been installed, and the large front wooden doors are being hand made as you read this. The cost for this was approximately eighty thousand dollars.

Next year, we will need to address the steeple repair, vent replacing and steeple cross repair/replacement, which will run approximately another seventy thousand dollars. We will also be looking at the possibility of sidewalk repair/replacement and possibly replacing the inside carpet, as the current carpeting has been in the church since the Centennial, which was

held in 1974. Brick tuck pointing and stained glass window repair is also being considered.





Mentioned above is only a partial listing of the work completed this year. Hundreds upon hundreds of hours were volunteered to get this done, which is above and beyond the normal hours kept every year for upkeep and maintaining the church and grounds.

As in the past, we will again have our annual Valentine's Day cash raffle. Tickets are \$25.00 each and cash prizes awarded. If you wish to purchase tickets, any Holy Angels parishioner will have them, or you can write to me at the address on this letterhead, or call me at 712-792-3072.

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Holy Angels Church in Roselle. This letter will act as our official notice of the meeting. We invite and welcome you to attend.

As I close this letter, I want to remind you of our immediate and future needs to ensure that Holy Angels continues on its current path. In the short term, I ask for your future consideration of a monetary gift, which will assist in getting the steeple repairs and other projects completed in 2012 and beyond. Long term, please consider the Holy Angels Church and Cemetery Foundation, Inc. in your will. The ability of Holy Angels

to continue to do these repairs and major projects is due to the generosity of the individuals and families who have a strong faith and belief in its purpose.

In closing, the Board of Directors and the entire community that makes up Holy Angels wishes you and your family the very best holiday season and a prosperous 2012.

Faithfully yours in the mission of Holy Angels preservation,

Leo Sibenaller

HACCFI Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer