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Sister Barbara Wells, rgs  
Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
25 Good Shepherd Court  
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Dear Sister Barbara,

I write to you and to all the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to express, on the part of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, our deep gratitude for the important pastoral ministry undertaken by the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd in the archdiocese over the past 103 years. I was honored to have been invited to say a few words of thanksgiving at the recent farewell tea held outdoors at the Sister's residence in Winnipeg. This was indeed a beautiful event with many family and friends of the Marymound community in attendance.

My words of gratitude for all of the good fruit produced in the lives of women and men, young and old, through the ministry of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, seem inadequate when compared to those 103 years of apostolic works, especially on behalf of young women in need. One cannot help but reflect on the generosity of the 175 Sisters of the Good Shepherd who served these needs in the City of Winnipeg and of the tens of thousands who were given the look of love for which they longed in their need for help.

On a personal note, being new to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and to the Province of Manitoba I wish to thank you for the hospitality and kindness shown to me by your community. When I received news that your community would be leaving the Archdiocese in early July, I realized that time would make it difficult to express my gratitude except through these few words of a letter. It is joyful news to hear, however, that the good work established at Marymound will continue, inspired by the mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd over the past century.

We in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg are not only grateful for what has been accomplished over the past century at Marymound and for what continues to bear fruit, but most especially for the powerful sign of God's love and Grace worked through the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in our midst.

May the Lord keep you in his love and watch over you always.

Yours in Christ,

✠Richard Gagnon  
Archbishop of Winnipeg