



Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart
of Los Angeles

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Dear Ed,

With this letter comes my prayerful gratitude to you for the much-needed services of Slater Builders. It has been truly animating to work alongside individuals of integrity and possessing high professional standards. Your involvement in weekly meetings to review and evaluate the work in progress has done much to educate all those involved and to aid them in becoming hands-on collaborators in the project.

The Rose Gardens project is continually enhanced by your exploration and investigation of options for accomplishing desired outcomes. Your commitment to achieving top efficiency and performance is evident through the investment of your time in the careful study of the work to be completed. It is evident that you do not simply see projects in the form of black and white objectives, but rather intuitively distinguish each venture's unique value and respond accordingly.

Your ability to identify intricate facets of the project such as cost, feasibility of construction, operational outcomes and the effects of each new step, has been a great asset. This has allowed for necessary timely modifications in order to more effectively promote best practices corresponding to unique work conditions. Accuracy in project cost estimates as well as the ability to consistently complete work on or under budget due to efficient operations and continual work reviews, and your ability to avoid using contingency funding due to minimizing change orders and proper line item management of bids, have allowed for the renovations of Madonna Hall to be completed approximately 10% under the budgeted amount.

Your personal commitment to honorable business principles is noteworthy and has made a significant contribution toward the healing and care which we seek to give at The Rose Gardens at Santa Teresita. I not only look forward with great hope to the advancement of this project in collaboration with Slater Builders, I anticipate future successful projects together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mother Regina Marie, OCD

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Superior General