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Dear Friend(s) of OCIMA,

Our last consignment of food for the malnourished in Guatemala arrived in August past. We shall be packing again in the end of January 2008 and ship immediately so that the food will arrive at the convents while I am there (February 12-20, 2008). Each consignment contains 500 boxes which yield 108,000 (adult) to 216,000 (children) meals. Most of the meals go to children. This will be our third consignment of food in two years.

We are working to complete our website for readiness in early 2008. We shall notify you.

The growth of the Endowment Fund progresses slowly. I am the one in charge of its potential, but my 'golden years' infirmity precludes me from scampering hither and thither at will. It's difficult to cultivate friendships and do business about money by phone. I depend on others for that. The Italian saying 'Chi fa per se fa per tre' proves true, viz, 'Whatever one does for one's self is worth three people doing it.' Hopefully, this shall not stall further growth of the Fund unduly.

Two other nutritional programs are doing well.

The one program supplies food for the hungry that are not malnourished, but do not have enough money for food.

The other program helps pregnant women to whom we not only offer nourishment, but also prenatal care, birthing, and post-natal care as well as education in hygiene. The end result of the program is the increase in birth weight from 2-1/2 pounds to 8 pounds!

We are spending over \$100,000 on these food programs and I see that amount only increasing with time. I hope that you will continue your support of these and other OCIMA projects. These are very important services and we could use your continued financial help.

Our clinic in Peten province will have 35,000 consultations this year.

As usual, happy holidays to all as well as any blessed holydays you will celebrate be they Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other.

God bless you all,

Fr. Nicholas H. Amico

FINANCIAL REPORT — 2006

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

2006 Donations:	\$ 204,741
Carryover from 2005:	17,311
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TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$ 222,052

<u>EXPENSES¹:</u>	\$ 320
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DISTRIBUTIONS:

1. Dominican Sisters of St. Sixtus	\$ 147,850
For food programs, clinic, orphans and daycare center	
2. Dominican Sisters of the Cenacle	39,945
For education of 'Internado' of Chapas, Santa Rosa, and higher education in Guatemala City	
3. For people's hospital in Quito, Ecuador	16,000
4. Donations earmarked for OCIMA Endowment Fund:	9,254
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TOTAL EXPENSES & DISTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 213,369

<u>CARRYOVER TO 2008:</u>	\$ 8,683
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¹ Expense as a percent of total funds available for 2006 is **0.14%**.