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WEST MIDWEST COMMUNITY

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On Friday, December 12, 2008, the following statement was made by Sister Norita Cooney, RSM, president of the West Midwest Community¹ of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas:

Today, the Milwaukee District Court has delivered its decision regarding an early release for Sister Norma Giannini. Judge Joseph Donald, her sentencing judge, determined that Sister Norma would stay incarcerated for her full sentence of one year of confinement.

Judge Donald noted that her current healthcare challenges were known before sentencing and that no new ones have presented themselves. He further stated her medical records indicate that Sister Norma is receiving adequate medical treatment during her confinement.

This situation remains tragic for everyone involved. We hope that our cooperation with the justice system provides some resolution for everyone affected.

On behalf of the Sisters, I express profound regret for the pain experienced by the two men and their families and for anyone else who has been affected by this situation. We hope that the healing process has begun.

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¹ On July 1, 2008, the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas consolidated six geographic regions, including the Chicago Regional Community, to form the West Midwest Community.

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