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Dear Friend,

Every five years our religious community elects Sisters as delegates to our Chapter – a gathering mandated by the Catholic Church for the spiritual and ministerial life of religious communities. Our delegates will meet for two weeks in May, 2021 for our next Chapter.

During Chapter, reports are presented on the events and activities of the past five years; current needs are identified and discussed; and decisions are made for the next five years concerning our Sisters' lives and the future of our community's ministries and commitments. Finally, we elect from among our Sisters those who will form our Leadership Team to guide our community and direct the fulfillment of the Chapter's decisions for the next five years.

We rely on funds contributed by our donors to assist in covering the extra expenses associated with this gathering – travel for Sisters living throughout the USA and other countries; room and board for the delegates for two weeks; rental of the meeting facility and equipment; professional facilitation and expertise. We also appreciate your prayers for our Chapter.

“Journeying forward in confident Hope” is the theme that will guide us in this year of preparing for the Chapter and during it. Many of the assumptions we were once able to make about the near future are now very uncertain. Nobody knows how post-Covid-19 adaptations will impact their lives or livelihoods. Our community faces the same uncertainties regarding our ministries and our daily lives; nevertheless, we want you to know that - in spite of these uncertainties - we choose to move into the future with confidence because we know the One in Whom we have placed our Hope.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Sister Diane Bernier, SA

Development Director

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