

FMDM CHAPTER OF MATS 2018

DAY 3: NEWS UPDATE



CONTEMPLATIVE STANCE AS A WAY OF LIFE

Sr Carol explored with us the difference between Contemplative Space and Contemplative Stance. She offered us new and very challenging insights, inviting us to reflect on:

- ◆ The Difference between **Change** and **Transformation**
- ◆ The invitation of these times to **live** the Paschal Mystery.
- ◆ The invitation to **be faithful** to our call from God inviting us to a future yet unknown.

Sr Carol invited the group to spend time alone for personal contemplation and later to form triads or dyads, then as a communal contemplative dialogue.

Contemplative Stance as a Way of Life

Within themselves, let them always make a dwelling place and home for God, so that, with undivided hearts, they may increase in universal love.....
Everywhere and in each place and in every season and in each day the sisters and brothers are to have a true and humble faith (Rule and Life 8 & 9)



Time alone with God



Triad Contemplative Dialogue

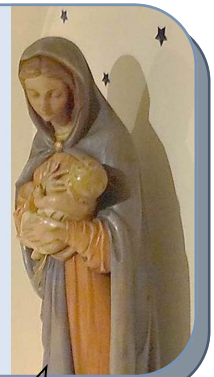


Imitate Mary as a Way of Life

We seek with Mary, who made the Lord of Majesty our brother (LM IX:3) to make of our lives a fiat of faith and a service of joy. (Constitutions No 4).

Our charism calls us to conceive, birth and nurture the life of Christ in our hearts, in our communities and in our world. (Authentic Franciscan Living 2001 p 3)

As Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood our particular charism is to imitate Mary in conceiving, birthing and nurturing the life of Christ.



For the afternoon session, Sr Carol offered us the following wisdom and challenge as we 'imitate Mary as a Way of Life' through these lens:

- ◆ Seeing the reality of the Common Good
- ◆ Seeking the power of Conception and Birth
- ◆ Sensing the work that is ours to do.

A new language...

was discovered and learnt,
whilst familiar, is new!



Many participants found the sessions profound and deep. Here are some of the sentiments shared.

"Courage — do not be afraid. Trust...that we will be guided to explore together through communal discernment our Canonical capacity to nurture our Religious Vocation with honesty. Courage! Live! Sine Propio (not hoarding) in a contemplative stance!"

- ⇒ **"For transformation to take place, we need to listen into Contemplative Space and Stance".**
- ⇒ **"To be open to the Transforming God who is inviting us at this time for the COMMON GOOD and to courageously assess our Canonical capacity"**
- ⇒ **"We build capacity to live the Gospel by letting go, being honest, being open to Transformation."**

