

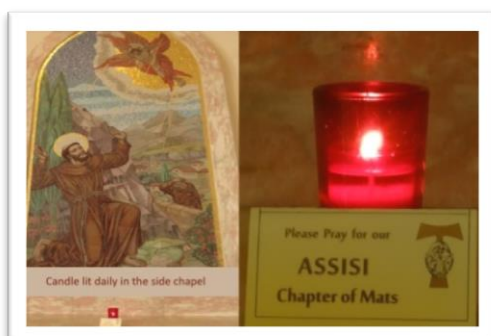
## CONGREGATIONAL CONSULTATION PHASE 2, Part B

Embracing our Future – Owning the gift of Vulnerability

### What is your message to your sisters around the Congregation at this time?

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- I do not have a particular message to my sisters except to share that at this point in my 57 years of my religious life I am trying to let go of any past or present 'hurts or pain' without trying to change the other person! That is what is meant to happen but now I have been able to experience this happening and this is bringing me peace.
- Keep your finger on the pulse!
- Courage! Let's continue to be Gospel women, who are gentle with each other as we respond to the 'signs of the times' wherever our God of Surprises is leading us.
- We are all working in the Lord's vineyard and he has said 'do not be afraid I am always with you '
- Courage! This may be winter but spring is round the corner!
- Hang in, have courage lean on your faith. Be alive in prayer. Move slowly with a purpose not physically but spiritually in trust. Remember when God is for us who can be against us?
- On our pilgrim journey with its ups and down let us be women who know how to love, hope, trust, deepen our faith, be patient, hand our vulnerability over to Him whose spirit is working in us, and who says "Do not be afraid".
- A big thank you to all who are responsible for the leadership in our Congregation. May the Lord continue to bless you, with perseverance, good health and love.
- Take one day at a time, live the "now". Trust in God and enjoy the gift of life!
- My message to our sisters is to have courage, be open, take the risk and all will be well, all manner of things will be well. As we try to come to terms with our diminishment and vulnerability to have courage and faith that the Lord is with us on this journey in a way that we cannot fathom. Change will be required but the necessary time and support will be needed for individual adjustment. Patience and understanding will be expected by all involved. I think that it is time for us to be realistic about Vocations in the West.
- To have more **DREAMS** than **MEMORIES**. Be the change that you want to see in the Congregation and the world. Let the "fire" that the two disciples on the road to Emmaus felt burning within their hearts burn in us because it is here we can say where there is fire, there's the Holy Spirit.



Candle lit daily in the *side chapel* at our Eucharist.