



October 18, 2018

Dear Sisters, Associates, Consociates, `Ohana, and Familia de San José,

We have returned from our meeting in St. Paul last month deeply grateful for the warm hospitality of the St. Paul Province Leadership Team and everyone at Carondelet Center and Village. We enjoyed sharing happenings across the congregation with Sisters and Consociates and participated in Taize prayer on the International Day of Peace. The spirit of the meeting was contemplative, and our Sharing of the Heart brought new depth to our conversations.

We spent much of our time talking about preparations for the 2019 Congregational Chapter, which is just nine months away. Hosting the chapter at a place other than our own property has raised some new challenges, including the variety of housing sites and related transportation concerns. We considered ways to share expenses so that no province has to bear an undue portion of the costs.

A variety of other topics were also covered. We agreed to go forward with the Congregational Formation Plan on an ad hoc basis. We affirmed that the fourth issue of the annual Carondelet magazine will be published in 2019. We received information on Agrégées and recognized that common educational resources about this opportunity need to be shared with all units. Members of CLG who participated in the recent Stewarding Our Resources meeting in St. Louis expressed appreciation for the time together and hope for the continuation of these inter-provincial conversations. This meeting included canonical treasurers, leadership liaisons, and other lay leaders in our finance offices.

When we gather as CLG next February 28-March 4, we will be entering the final phases of our preparation for the 2019 Congregational Chapter. We ask you, Sisters and ACOF, to please pray [our chapter prayer](#) asking God's Spirit to continue to call us together for the life of the world.

Your Sisters,
Congregational Leadership Group