



June 9, 2021

Dear Sisters,

Since March, we have been invited into a congregation-wide process of prayer, invitation, and discernment in the search for our next congregational novice directors. We received a wonderful response from all parts of the congregation, and 10 sisters accepted the invitation to discern their willingness and ability to be named to this position.



Those 10 sisters and the search committee spent two days, May 8 and May 24, in a process of communal discernment with the facilitation of Janet Mock, CSJ. Following those days of discernment, the search committee met on May 26 to determine who among the women who discerned their ongoing openness to the position we would recommend to the Congregational Leadership Team.

During each of the meetings, the committee was deeply touched by the overwhelming generosity, talent, spirituality, and love of the congregation that the discerners shared. In the end, a smaller number our sisters continued to feel called to remain open to being named as a director of novices. In the May 26 meeting, the committee had to face the very difficult task of determining who among those sisters they could recommend. Their most sincere answer was, "All of them." At the same time, considering the new Congregational Formation Plan and the experience and background of each of the sisters, they recommended several possibilities.

On May 28 and again on June 3, the CLT met for the final discernment. As a result, we can boldly quote the disciples who spoke in Acts 15:28 and say, "It appears good to the Holy Spirit and to us that Sisters Gail Trippett and Miriam Ukeritis be named to work together as our next congregational novice directors." These two sisters have graciously accepted our request that they take on this vital role in our congregational life.

This entire experience has been one of hope for our future and trust in the Spirit who leads us into the new. As a congregation, we pledge these sisters our whole-hearted support as they take on this new task for a new era of our congregational history.

We thank the congregation for supporting this process with your prayer and accompaniment. We have indeed been in good company!

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