



GNSH CHAPTER '08

December 17, 2007

Dear Associates,

Thank you again for your participation in our Grey Nun Chapter 2008! During its meeting the first weekend in December, the Chapter Planning Committee (CPC) reviewed the responses from Grey Nun LAG groups and Associates to the materials sent out in October and the issues submitted thus far by Grey Nun groups for Chapter consideration. Be assured of our growing appreciation of both your energetic participation and of the seriousness with which you are entering into the Chapter process.

During October and November the Grey Nuns elected the 79 Chapter Members who, along with the President and Leadership Council, will be the delegated congregational representatives at the formal Chapter sessions in April. During those formal sessions, these Chapter Members will address issues and set direction for the future and will elect the President and Leadership Council members who will serve for the next five years. The focus of the Grey Nuns for the next phase of the Chapter process between now and early February is to initiate the “call to leadership” process and to begin prioritizing issues to be addressed by the Chapter.

We invite you to continue with us in this process by considering issues related to the Associate relationship and also leadership roles in the Associates, i.e., the roles of convener or Associate Advisory Board member. The procedure is the one we have been using involving individual reflections, sharing with each other in your local Associate community if possible, and responding to the CPC as feasible for you. We have enclosed the following materials to guide you in this:

- suggestions for individual reflection,
- suggestions for sharing with your local Associate community, and
- a response form to return to the CPC on or before January 26, 2008.

We recommend that you use these materials as a guide in whatever way is most helpful to you and your group. We understand that not every local Associate community will have a meeting scheduled prior to January 26th. If you do have a meeting, we understand that you may have to adjust the suggested process to accommodate the meeting time that is available for this process.

In addition to the materials mentioned above, we are also including the following to share with you what we received from Grey Nuns and Associates in November:

- an Associates' Responses summary listing all responses received from local Associate communities and/or individual Associates,
- a LAG Group Responses summary listing all responses received from Grey Nun LAG groups about what they found helpful and what recommendations they offered for the future "in their own words," and
- a report on the issues received from groups of Sisters.

Some further information about Sisters' issues might be helpful. In all, we received over 70 issues from sisters. We are sharing with you those that relate to the core of who we are as Grey Nuns: those related to our spirit, our charism and its various expressions in mission which you share with us. We have omitted internal and administrative matters which pertain only to the sisters. As usual, this entire mailing will be posted on the Chapter website (available at <http://www.greynun.net/CHAPTER/CHAPTER.html> [username: gnsha; password: daisy]) for future reference.

We thank you again for all the work and prayer that you are putting into this Chapter participation. We pray with you that the Spirit will continue to guide all of us throughout this Chapter process.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Sincerely,



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