

# GNSH CHAPTER '08

January 10, 2007

Dear GNSH Associates,

The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart have begun preparation for Chapter, a major planning and goal-setting meeting that takes place every five years. The period of preparation for Chapter is as important as the meeting itself, which will take place in spring of 2008.

The Chapter Planning Committee had its first meeting the weekend of December 16-17, 2006. A meeting summary is enclosed.

We wish in this letter to share with you briefly what we accomplished during this time and to indicate what we hope will be the tone and style of Chapter 2008. We now invite you to participate in our Chapter preparation in the following ways:

1. **praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit** for the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart and for our Associates,
2. **individually reflecting on and responding** to the enclosed reflection questions by February 15, 2007,
3. **planning** to include **time** for some discussions related to Chapter preparation and the Associate relationship with the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart in meetings of your local associate community, if possible, in March or April and in May or June

Included with this letter are the following:

- a summary of the Chapter Planning Committee's December 2006 meeting and its expectations and plans thus far for Chapter 2008, and
- three reflection questions that we are asking you to respond to by February 15, 2007.

Please note that we are hoping our interactive communication can be accomplished *electronically* as much as possible, i.e., via email, the GNSH website, or some form of Internet discussion groups. We will continue paper mailings for any formal communication with GNSH Associates who cannot access or work with electronic media.

Please note that this first set of materials has been sent:

- by regular mail to everyone and
- electronically as well to those known to have email access.

**In the future, everyone who has known access to email will be receiving Chapter Planning Committee (CPC) materials only electronically, so remember to check your email!**

Thank you in advance for your participation in the Chapter process. We look forward to working with you and will take all of your reflections, comments, and suggestions seriously into consideration as we move forward in this process together.

Sincerely,



Members of the Chapter Planning Committee:

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Enclosures (2)

N.B.:

Please let us know:

- if you have email and did not receive an email copy of the mailing,
- if you would feel comfortable accessing the frequently used Chapter documents that may be put on the GNSH web site, or
- if you have plans to develop your capabilities in using these communication forms in the near future.