



Motto 2024
Live depending on God...
therefore in HOPE
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Dear Sisters and Associates,

Throughout the past years we have journeyed and walked the pilgrim path of faith as we entered the encounter at Chapter in 2023. Hearing the Call from the Future, we embraced the unknown road with trust. Pope Francis in his letter for the Jubilee year 2025 writes; “In a world often fraught with uncertainty, we find solace in the example of Mary’s faith and unwavering trust. She, who carried within her the embodiment of hope, teaches us to carry the light of your love within us, even in the face of challenges”.

How true is this statement, as we reflect on the news, how we are bombarded daily with words and images of war, climate destruction, natural disasters, famines, violence, human trafficking and the many displaced persons in our world, yet, our hearts, still hope. Even in the midst of darkness there is love. We don’t hear about these in the news but there are acts of kindness, love and courage carried out by Sisters, Affiliates and Associates and many people in the world. May this love shut out the darkness. Together we come with compassionate hearts called to be a contemplative presence, to bring healing and hope to the suffering of our world.

Our motto for 2023 called us on a mission of love, now is the time when we are asked to trust deeply on God and

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At the 2023 LCWR conference, Sr Rebecca Ann Gemma said, "Hope is a virtue of the heart that doesn't lock itself in darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see tomorrow".

Mary Potter speaks of hope being closely linked with the other key virtues of faith and love. Hope is dynamic. Hope is the humblest of all three virtues. Hope helps us to reach our goals and be Sowers of Hope for our world.

What is the emerging call of the Spirit to us as consecrated people? We are to be a leaven of hope, journeying together, promoting a new civilization of love. We are called to walk the road of vulnerability, listening deeply to the cry of Mother earth. We are invited to be bearers of hope for our world.

Let us pray that hope will heal our world. Heal the divisions in our community, society and world. Our prayer is that hope will heal our world, so we may live as ONE. We are here on this earth for a short time only, a time when we are called to be bearers of faith, love and hope.

Mary held the pain of suffering in her heart with deep love. God protected her and sustained her in every way. Mary is our model of complete dependence on a God who loves unconditionally. We are all held in love, let us never forget this. Hope is the essential virtue, where, as we look around us, we see the beauty of God's creation in nature and each person.

As we look at the tomorrow's before us may they be filled with healing and hope. Mary Potter was a visionary and she modelled through her life her complete and utter dependence on God. May we too

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Ilia Delio's words resound profoundly for us, "The only way into a sustainable future is to regain soul, both individual soul and world soul, by disciplining the mind, setting the mind on oneness, unity".

Let us continue on our journey of love for our Little Company of Mary, and be pilgrims and bearers of hope for our world. Living completely dependent on God, who will guide us and show us the way.

Let us go forth as courageous, hope-filled people of the Gospel and may we too

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As one in the heart of Mary,



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