



**The Beginning of Report  
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CCA Leadership Team  
2018 - 2020



Sisters

Rosalind Forrest

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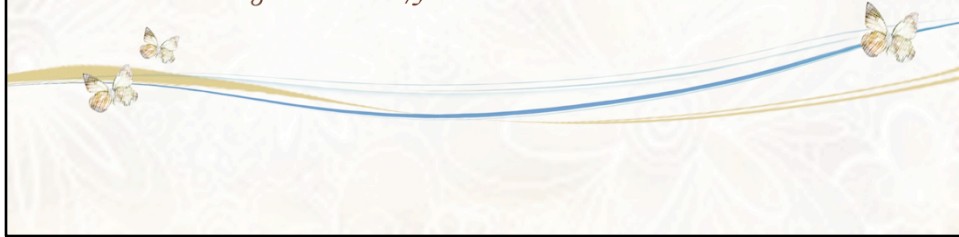
**BT**

**Our report will be presented according to the Goals set forth from our last General Assembly meeting.**

# CCA Goal #1

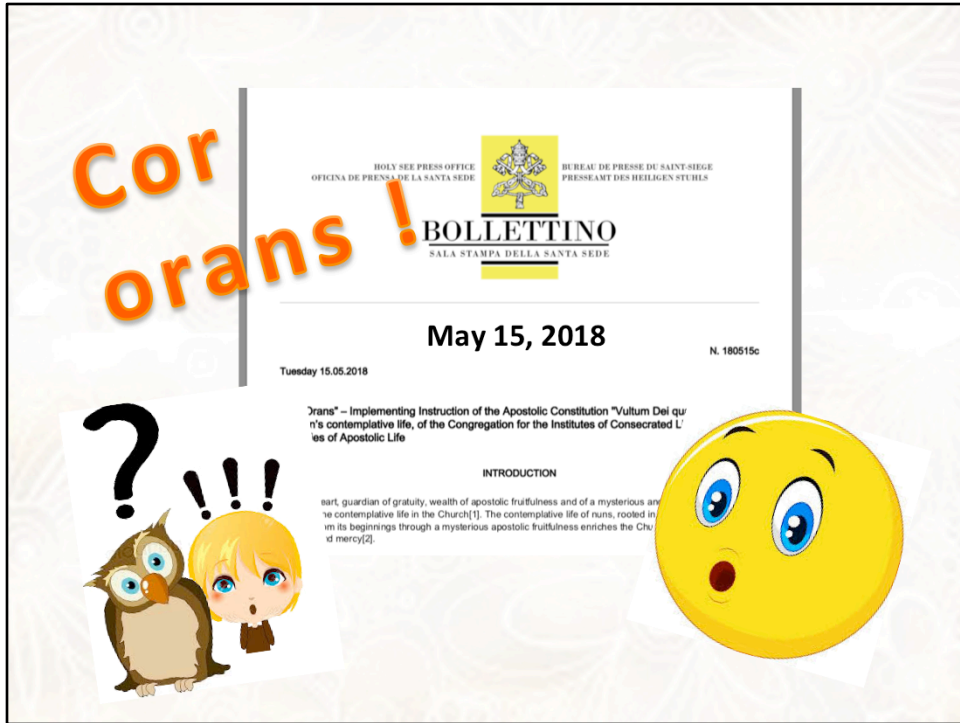
## Collaboration to Communion

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**BT**

**Cor orans was promulgated on May 15, 2018, one month after our General Assembly that year. This has led to frequent communication and sharing not only with membership of CCA but also with International and US Associations.**

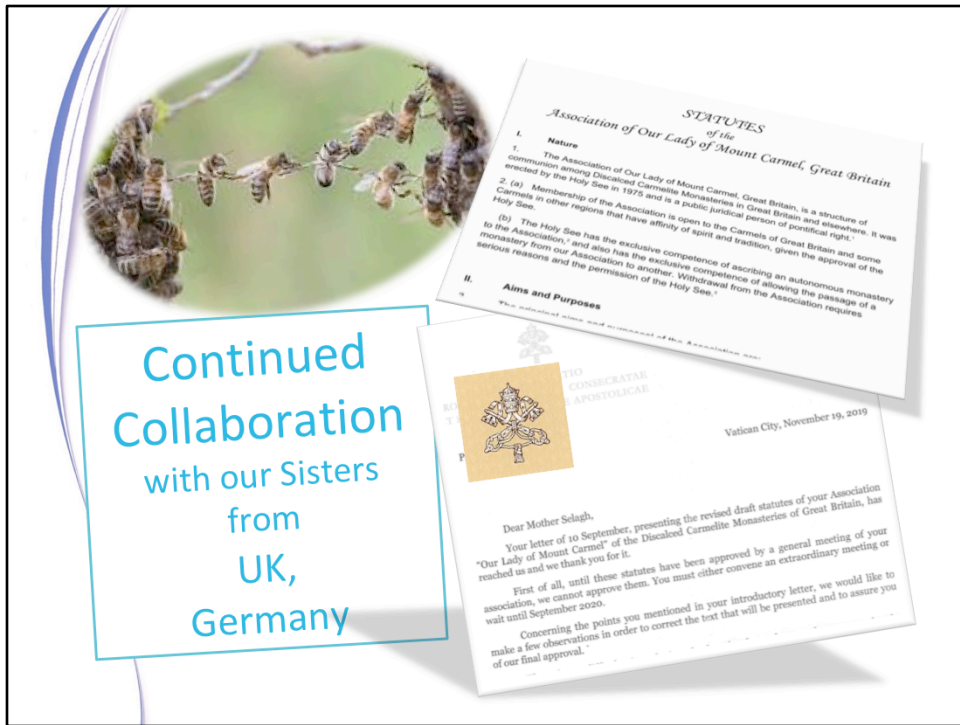
## Collaboration National/International



Copies and Translations of Talks on Cor orans  
were generously shared among individual Sisters and  
Associations/Federations nationally and internationally

**BT**

Each time presentations were given on Cor orans throughout the world, sisters from other associations/federations generously shared copies and translations of these talks, sometimes hiring a professional translator, as did CCA with the talk of Fr. Saverio to the Mexican Federation. Our history of connectedness with our US and International sisters truly laid the groundwork for our continuing cooperation and collaboration.



**ROZ**

The LT has collaborated on various topics with our sisters from the UK and Germany. We have been in touch via e-mails, ZOOMS and phone conversations regarding the requirements of Cor orans and how to implement them, particularly with regard to updating our statutes. We also look forward to future collaboration with our sisters in France whose new President has been in contact with us.

## Ghent Gathering

Celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the first English speaking Carmel



### **MONIKA**

**It might surprise you to see that we are including the Ghent gathering in our report. Although this meeting planned for May 2020 was not realized due to the worldwide Covid-19 crisis, we felt that its planning process was one of the most significant expressions of our collaboration with our national and international sisters in this term. The planning meetings offered an opportunity to work closely with other associations and federations for the purpose of international collaboration.**

## Historical Cities relevant to the First English Speaking Carmels



### CIE

The Ghent Gathering was first conceived at the CCA pre-meeting in April 2018. The idea was proposed to celebrate the 400 years since the establishment of the first English speaking Carmel. Sr. Lucia and Fr. Benedict representing the Netherlands Federation suggested a trip to Ghent so that we could visit historical sites. The first English speaking Carmel was established in Antwerp (1618); later in Lierre (1648) and in Hoogstraten (1678).



## The Planning Committee



### ROZ

A planning committee was formed and consisted of Sr. Shelagh of the UK association, Sr. Mary Clare of MQC, Srs. BT and Monika of CCA and Sr. Lucia and Fr. Benedict representing the Netherlands Fed. Sr. Clare Joseph of Terre Haute for the most part was secretary for our meetings. The committee met 10 times by zoom in the course of almost 2 years.



**BT**

**We chose 3 noted presenters for the meeting;**

**Sr. Connie on history**

**Fr. Saverio on formation and the future of Carmel**

**Dr. Rowan Williams on the continuing relevance of Carmel in our world today.**

## Associations that were going to Participate



The Netherlands  
Great Britain  
Ireland



English Speaking Africa  
Australia  
St. Teresa  
Mary Queen of Carmel  
CCA



St. Teresa  
Association

### MONIKA

29 participants representing the leadership councils of these English speaking associations and federations signed up to participate: CCA, Mary Queen of Carmel, St. Teresa, the UK, the Netherlands, Australia, Ireland and English speaking Africa.

## Goals & Desired Outcomes

- Strengthened friendship and collaboration
- Learnings from history
- Initial and ongoing formation and forming formators
- The International Commission that was to be formed to collaborate with the friars on the topic of formation
- The Carmelite Charism
- Fostering communion



### **ROZ**

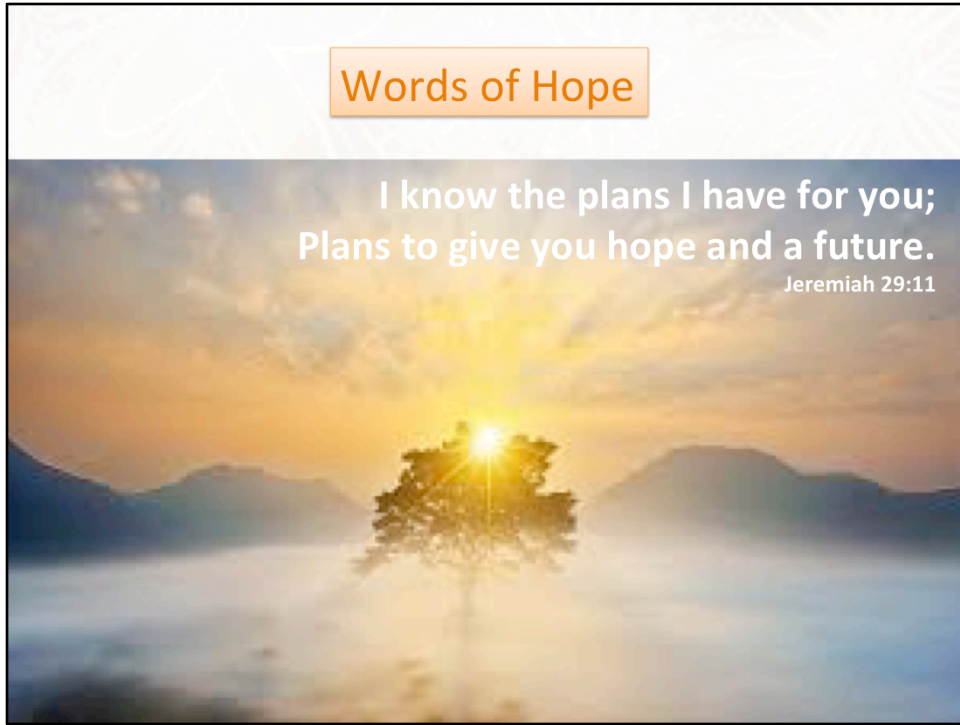
**We established the following as our goals and desired outcomes for the gathering:**

- To strengthen friendships and collaboration,
- To consider common issues affecting our life and identify ways to address them, specifically: Cor orans, Learnings from History, initial and ongoing formation, forming Formators, and the International Commission that was to be established to collaborate with the friars on the topic of formation,
- To explore new ways of living out our Carmelite Charism,
- To establish a commitment to foster communion among us.

## Words of Hope

I know the plans I have for you;  
Plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

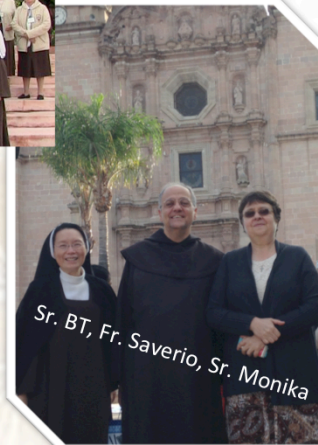


**BT**

**Despite the disappointment of not actually having the meeting, there were positive outcomes to all the planning. Certainly the closer bonds we have established with the planning committee members and their associations will continue to advance our goal of communion and further collaboration in the future.**

Srs. Bernadette Therese and Monika Representing CCA  
at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Mexican Federation

San José de Guadalupe Federation



**CIE**

**Sisters Bernadette Therese and Monika had the privilege of representing CCA at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Mexican Federation. This celebration took place from late September to October 1, 2018 at a beautiful retreat center in San Juan de los Lagos.**



## **MONIKA**

The main speakers at the celebration were Fr. Saverio and Fr. Rafal. Their talks focused mainly on Cor orans and its implications for the sisters. Other guest speakers were Sister Edith de Jesús, the President of the Peruvian Federation, Father Javier Mena, the Definitor for Latin America, and Father Juan Pablo, the religious Assistant for Mexico.



**BT**

**It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our Mexican sisters and to strengthen the bonds between our two Associations. Notably, outside of representatives from a few other Latin American associations, CCA was the only other association from the US or Europe to participate in this meeting and our presence was greatly appreciated.**



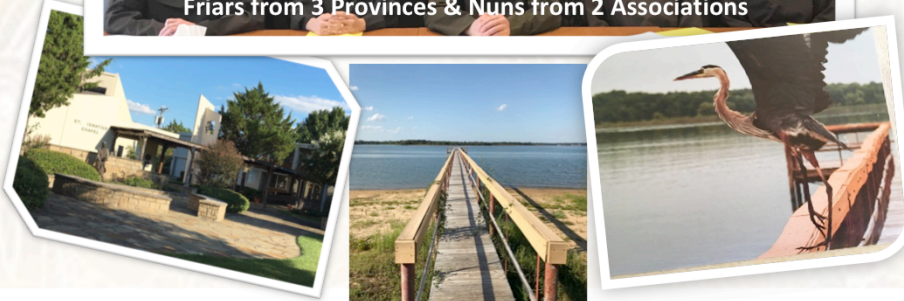
## Nuns & Friars' Meeting

Lake Dallas, TX

Sept. 19, 2018



Friars from 3 Provinces & Nuns from 2 Associations



**CIE**

**Next we recall the Meeting of nuns and friars held in Dallas in September 2018. This came about as a result of an invitation from the 3 provinces of our friars who had a joint provincial council meeting and wanted to use this as an opportunity to include the nuns on various topics.**

## Participants of Sisters & Brothers

### Oklahoma Province

Fr. Stephen Sanchez  
Fr. Luis J. Castañeda  
Fr. Jorge Cabrera  
Fr. Raul Reyes  
Fr. Bonaventure Sauer

### CA-Arizona Province

Fr. Adam Gonzales  
Fr. Philip Sullivan  
Fr. Matthew Williams  
Fr. Thomas Reeves

### Washington Province

Fr. Jude Peters  
Fr. Elijah Martin  
Fr. Phillip Thomas  
Fr. Ralph-Elias Haddix  
Fr. Donald Brick

### Carmelite Communities Associated (CCA)

Sr. Monika Bies (Baltimore)  
Sr. Bernadette Thérèse Huang (Boston)  
Sr. Rosalind Forrest (Reno)  
Sr. Cecelia Kang (Reno)

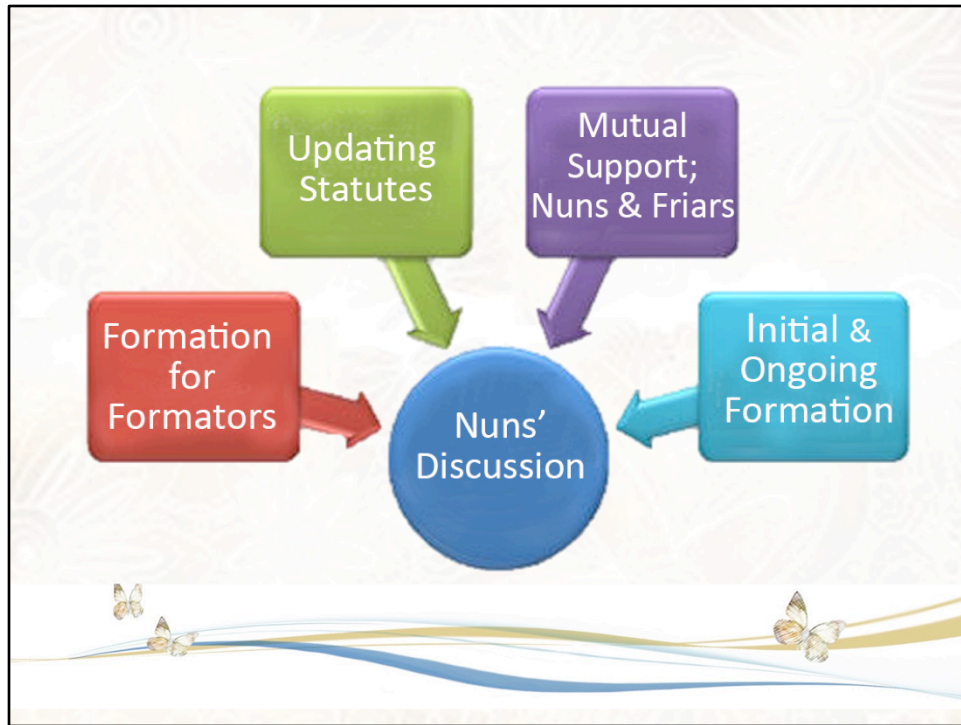
### Mary Queen of Carmel (MQC)

Sr. Corinne Uher ( San Antonio)  
Sr. Ruth Miriam (Piedmont)  
Sr. Mary Clare Trolley (Terra Haute)  
Sr. Teresita Maria (Alhambra)  
Sr. Teresa Magdalene (Zephyr, Canada)  
Sr. Susan Labyak (Shoreline)



**CIE**

**All 4 associations of nuns were invited but only Mary QCA and CCA were able to attend.**



**BT**

**Prior to the meeting with the Friars, the nuns from Mary Queen of Carmel and CCA had a chance to discuss and share our common interests in the areas of**

- formation for Formators,**
- exploring resources together for initial/ongoing formation,**
- developing mutual support between nuns and friars,**
- updating Statutes according to Cor orans, etc.**

## Nuns and Friars' Agreement & Discussion at Dallas Meeting

- Joint Meeting of Carmelite Nuns and Friars (JMCN) in 2021
- Create a blog or website to share conferences and resources for formation
- Reinstate *Formation for Formators* Programs
- Continuation of the revision of Carmelite Liturgical Books
- Create a common calendar



**ROZ**

**We agreed on a joint Meeting of Carmelite Nuns and Friars in 2021.**

**We discussed the following:**

- **Creating a blog or website to share conferences and resources for formation;**
- **Implications Cor orans will have for our communities;**
- **Updating our Statutes;**
- **Possibility of Religious Assistant;**
- **Reinstating a *Formation for Formators* Program;**
- **Continuing the project to update and revise Carmelite Liturgical Books;**
- **Creating a common calendar, an idea initiated by CCA.**

**Seminar for Those in Initial Formation and Their Formators.**

Monday, October 22nd – Sunday, October 28th, 2018 (travel dates)

Mary Queen of Carmel Association, invites Sisters in initial formation, Postulants, Novices and those who may have recently made their Solemn Profession along with their Formators, from all our Associations, to join together in El Carmelo for a Seminar on:

**Integration:  
The Gift of Self in Service to Others**

The Presenter is the Very Rev. Stephen Sanchez OCD



Fr. Stephen Sanchez was born and brought up in San Antonio, Texas. Father attended Catholic schools throughout his academic life and entered the Carmelite Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Therese in San Antonio in February of 1982. Fr. Stephen earned a BS in Psychology from St. Mary's University and his Masters in Ministry at the O'Connell School of Theology, both in San Antonio.

He made his Solemn Profession of Vows in 1989 and was ordained Priest in 1992. After ordination, he spent a year in Avila, Spain studying more deeply and intensely the spirituality of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross. Fr. Stephen has served as Provincial Coadjutor and at the Chapter of the Province of St. Therese, held last year, he was elected to the Office of Provincial.

Let us desire  
and be occupied  
in prayer  
not for the sake







Redlands Workshop

**CIE**  
**In a spirit of communion, CCA accepted the invitation to Queen of Carmel's formation workshop at Redlands. Srs. Celia and Colette from Baltimore Carmel were delighted to represent CCA at that meeting.**



**MONIKA**

Last October, Sr. Bernadette Therese and Sr. Margie also participated in Queen of Carmel’s leadership formation workshop which featured Benedictine Fr. Eugene Hensell who spoke on leading an organization and Fr. Rafal who spoke on various aspects of Cor orans and its impact on our lives. It was also an opportunity to meet with Fr. Rafal to clarify canonical issues pertaining to affiliations.

## Collaboration Among US Associations



**ROZ**

CCA is always ready to share our resources with other associations. Sr. BT responded to an inquiry from St. Teresa's Association about the process of incorporation. She connected with Sr. Colette who graciously agreed to host a zoom to explain this process. It was participated in by members of the council of St. Teresa's association and several sisters of St. Joseph's association. At the Redlands formation workshop, Sr. Colette led a similar meeting to provide guidance to the council of MQC on incorporating an association.

## Welcoming Help from Mary Queen of Carmel Association

### Helping Hands from Terra Haute Carmel



*Barb and Donna - boxes everywhere!*

Mother Anne, Sisters Maria, Marie Therese, and Angela for their gracious help in packing, sorting, recycling, organizing, cleaning, moving boxes, and putting place settings and glassware in the cabinets in our Arlington kitchen. The sisters were eager to tackle every job



*Srs. Angela, Maria, Barb, and Marie Therese*



*Srs. Angela, Donna, Marie Therese, Barb, Bernadette, Mother Anne, Srs. Mary K, and Maria*

that Barb gave them. The banging and clanging of our heating system caused during dinner especially with the series of peculiar noises radiators made. We enjoy Carmelite life, praying together to know our sisters from



### MONIKA

Reciprocally, Mother Anne of Terre Haute came to the aid of CCA when our Cleveland sisters needed help with their move to the new monastery. She responded with a resounding “yes” to Sr. Bernadette Therese’s request on behalf of Cleveland. The work of Mother Anne and 3 novices was greatly appreciated. It was also a wonderful opportunity for joyous sisterly sharing.



## Meetings with Coordinators of US Associations



Sr. Bernadette Therese, CCA



Sr. Mary Clare, MQC




Mo. Mary Elizabeth, SJA



Mo. Celeste, STA

### CIE

At the end of November 2018, the coordinators of all 4 US associations met via zoom to discuss the new requirement of Corporans of the religious assistant and to share perspectives. They also discussed the possibility of collaborating on a formator's program with the friars. At the invitation of Sr. BT, a second zoom meeting of the coordinators was held on August 2019.



**Nuns' Sharing**

- New requirement of the religious assistant
- updating statutes
- length of formation (Cor orans)
- each association's formation programs
- Ghent
- Affiliations
- Brief discussion on the General Chapter to be held in 2021

**ROZ**

The sisters shared on these issues:

- the religious assistant,
- updating statutes,
- length of formation as required by Cor orans,
- each association's formation programs,
- Ghent,
- affiliations
- and a brief discussion on the General Chapter to be held in 2021.



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- Sr. Judy Murray, OCD





Sr. Monika Represents CCA on the board on behalf of CCA

**BT**

Since the founding of the Carmelite Institute, CCA has been a member of its board. Sr. Monika has been our representative for the last 4 years. This is another concrete way CCA collaborates with the wider Carmelite family. We hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the Webinars that the Carmelite Institute offers. Please check out their website for resources and upcoming events. We thank Monika for all her representative work for CCA.



**CIE**

**Another gathering that strengthened friendship and communion with other associations was the Newer Members Gathering. This Gathering was specially blessed not only by the richness of the program but also by the presence of our sisters from abroad and across the country.**



Srs. Claudia, Lupe,  
Rosa Maria  
(President of Mexican Fed)

Srs. Francesca & Gloria

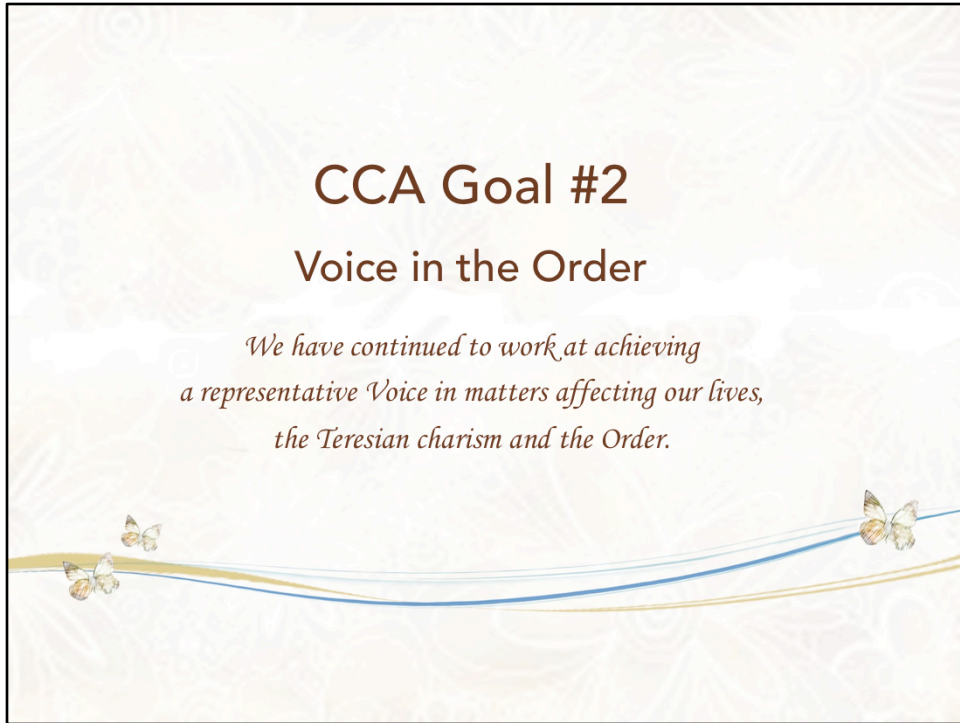
Sr. Marie Bernardina

Sr. Elizabeth Cristina translating  
Sr. Rosa Maria's sharing  
Elizabeth was fluent!

Srs. Francesca, Lucia Mary, Marie Therese

**BT**

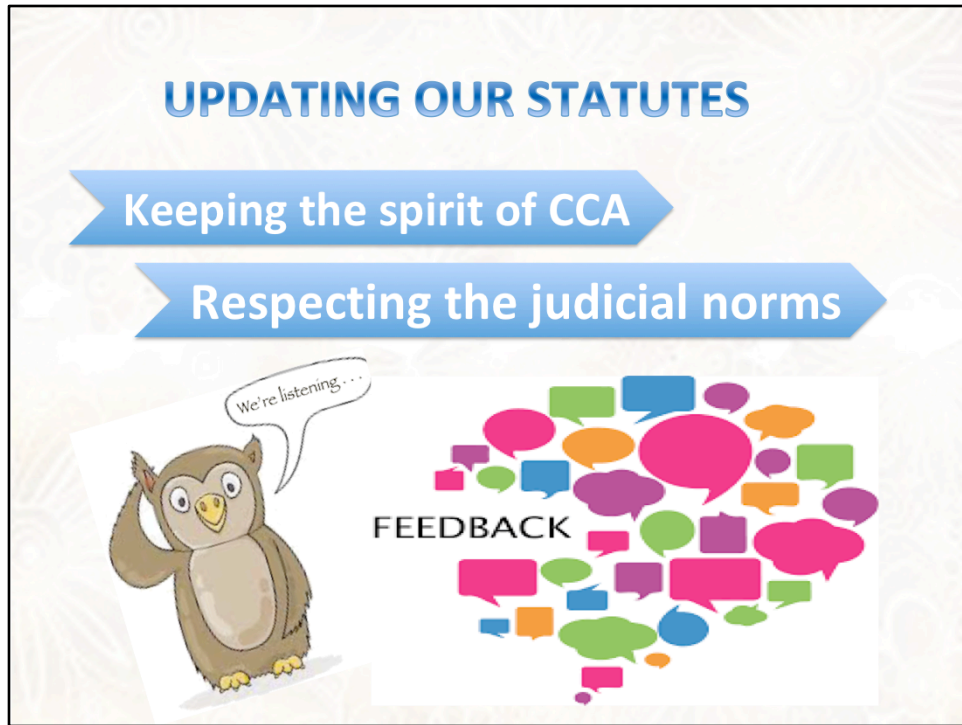
**This joyous gathering was a beautiful sign of collaboration among Associations. It opened up new horizons for all participants, and marked a significant milestone in broadened friendships and bountiful possibilities for the future. As representatives of the LT, Srs. Cecelia and Monika had the privilege of witnessing this new beginning.**



**MONIKA**

**Goal #2**

*"We have continued to work at achieving a representative voice in matters affecting our lives, the Teresian charism and the Order."*



**BT** One of the more significant themes that your Leadership team has had to work on on behalf of CCA during this term was the revision of our Statutes. With the promulgation of Cor orans came the necessity of reviewing our present Statutes and beginning the process of updating them in such a way that we keep the spirit of CCA while respecting the place of juridical norms.

**ROZ** Early on Sister Bernadette Therese contacted the US Association Presidents about how they were approaching updating their statutes and what we might be able to do together, especially in those areas that related to our Carmelite heritage and Constitutions. The other three Association Presidents expressed their preference to work separately. Internationally the UK Association freely shared drafts of their statutes and exchanged perspectives with us about their process. The German Federation were likewise generous in sharing ideas with us and we with them.

**MONIKA** We have listened to and followed up on comments and suggestions that our CCA members gave us after receiving the first and second drafts of updating our Statutes, including expanding our consultations so that our Final Revision may truly reflect membership input and the best advice the Leadership Team has received.



**BT**

Because of the intricacies of juridical language, we have found it necessary to secure the services of Nancy Reynolds, a canon lawyer who has specialized in religious canon law as we began the work of drafting updates of our Statutes.

**CIE**

We have also communicated regularly with Fr. Rafal, Secretary for the Nuns and communicated with both Fr. Saverio and the Procurator General, Fr. Jean Joseph. These regular communications with representatives of our Generalate have been valuable in making our voice and concerns known in the Order.





**CIE**

**We turn now to Goal #3**

*“We have developed and empowered our members to be future leaders of and/or contributors to CCA.”*



**BT**

One of the most significant ways we as a leadership team sought to develop and empower our members to be future leaders and contributors to CCA was through our ongoing formation program, *Women at the Well Dialogues*. *Women at the Well Dialogues* was our response to Father General's strong encouragement to develop leadership among the nuns and the emphasis in *Cor orans* that associations initiate ongoing formation programs to benefit all the nuns of its member communities.



## **ROZ**

**Beginning in 2016, the previous LT started developing a leadership formation program. Despite the fact that the project did not come to completion, they believed and hoped that their hard work of planting a seed would bear fruit in a renewed form in the future. They saw great potential in the initiatives of our newer members. Sure enough, an inquiry from Sr. Agnes of our newer members group was the impetus for Sr. Bernadette Therese to begin a conversation with Elizabeth McCabe which led to the planning of *Women at the Well Dialogue* and its execution. Thank you Sisters, your work was never in vain.**

## Women at the Well *Dialogues*

### Goal

To form women to be leaders & contributors

### Themes

- Leadership
- Collegiality
- Personal & Communal Discernment
- Skill building
- Transformation



### MONIKA

From the very beginning, a clearly articulated goal of *Women at the Well Dialogues* was to encourage and enable our sisters to lead and to be contributors. Thus our initial theme on Leadership and how to promote authentic collegiality in community using skills of personal and communal discernment. This program was designed to utilize a pedagogy that encourages personal and communal reflection with emphasis on dialogue and discussion, pulling wisdom and insight from members rather than relying too heavily on resource persons.



**CIE**

**The project team Srs. Claire, Celia and Elizabeth McCabe proved to be our dream team! They did an outstanding job on this program. We were especially amazed by Celia's technical skill, so generously shared with us, which did the magic in bringing us all together as a CCA community. You FABULOUS THREE certainly deserve a standing ovation! Thank you!**



**BT**

**And, by all means, all of you who took part in the program deserve a huge thank you, too! Your enthusiastic support and participation in *Women at the Well Dialogues* brought us together as a CCA community. We hope it has encouraged greater interest and involvement in CCA and its fundamental goal of deep communion and sharing among us.**

**CIE**

**Our newer members also sought to continue their own reflection group which was graciously facilitated by Sr. Margie. These meetings strengthened closer bonds among our sisters and bore the fruit of deep insight.**



**ROZ**

The Communication workshop in Nov. 2019 was inspired by our Newer Members. The theme was "Addressing Conflict" and it covered communication strategies and other skills required to address and resolve conflict. We thank Srs. Celia and Margie for the planning and execution of this workshop to refine our communication skills - so important for community living!



**CIE**

**Now to our CCA Newer Members!**

**Ever since the first meeting in 2015, our newer members have been expanding their vision and forging friendships nationally and internationally, thus enlivening their zeal for Carmel.**



## 2019 Newer Members Meeting Faulkner, MD

*Together We Journey :  
Embracing Our Past,  
Illuminating Our Future*

*Embracing our history  
Proclaiming our passion for Carmel  
Waking the world to the fire of God's Love*

**CCA**

**NEWER MEMBERS GATHERING**  
*Loyola on the Potomac: Faulkner, Maryland*

**Presenters**

Sr. Constance FitzGerald, OCD

Sr. Susan Payne, OCD

**DATES**  
August 25 - 30, 2019

**COST**  
\$414 / person plus travel

Special Events include pilgrimage to Southern Maryland where our communities first took root

**Jesuit Chaplain**

Fr. Brian McDevitt, SJ

**Facilitator**

Sr. Marjorie Robinson, OCD

**Guide**

Sr. Collette Ackerman, OCD

**CIE**  
**The Newer Members' Meeting at Faulkner in 2019 was truly inspirational! As you've seen and heard from their report, this meeting was proof of our sisters' strengths and leadership qualities.**



### MONIKA

Our deepest gratitude goes to the three excellent planners, Srs. Agnes, Celia and Teresa Susan. Their tireless work paid off and brought much joy and hope among the participants.

We were inspired by the breadth and depth of Sr. Connie's presentations. The prayerful presence of Srs. Margie and Colette, Frs. Stephen and Brian certainly imparted the wisdom and spirit of Carmel to the next generation. Thank you to these sisters and brothers for their selfless dedication. You are living treasures!



**MONIKA**

The tours of historical sites that were included in the program were especially enriching experiences. All the sisters came away from this meeting with a deeper sense of being rooted in our history.

## Newer Members Group Photo, 2019



**CIE**

**We heartily congratulate our Newer Member sisters for their energy, and for their innovative and responsible planning of this CCA program. Your generous contributions have brought vitality to CCA. May your fidelity and creative spirit continue to bless CCA and our world.**



**ROZ**

Empowerment of our member also came in the form of a leadership training workshop for new sister visitors who would be undertaking the mandated sisterly visits during this term.

The Sisters of the Boston Carmel kindly hosted a Workshop in October 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a plan for the sisterly visits and to train new sister-visitors.

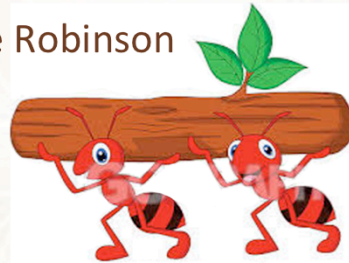


**BT**

**Under the wonderful guidance of our resource persons, Stephanie and Sr. Joan Marie Steadman, former executive director of LCWR, the new sister visitors learned about the protocols and communication skills required to do sisterly visits. There were also zoom Meetings to prepare all the other more experienced sister visitors with material for the visits to ensure that all were prepared adequately to share material and all that CCA had to offer by way of support to its member communities.**

## CCA DELEGATIONS

1. Website - Sr. Jeanne-Marie Graham
2. Newsletter - Sr. Donna Schultz
3. Archives - Sr. Colette Ackerman
4. Treasurer - Sr. Marjorie Robinson



### **MONIKA**

**Now on to CCA Delegations!**

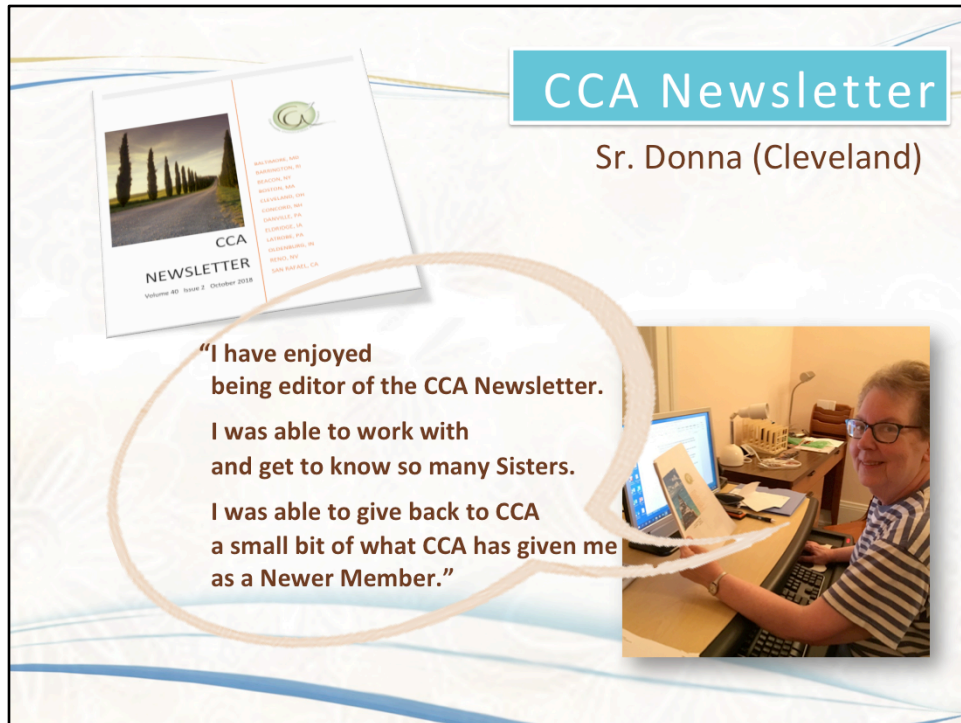
**The LT empowers our membership by sharing its responsibilities through delegations. The forms of support from CCA to our communities include ongoing work on the upkeep of our website and finances, the editing and timely circulation of our newsletter and the maintenance of our archives. Our thanks goes out to so many sisters who have helped CCA and the LT with the oversight and management of important tasks.**



**CIE**

**Sr. Jeanne-Marie has served generously for the past 4 years as our web manager. She reconstructed the web content and protected the site by successfully contracting a new maintenance company at a significant savings to CCA. We encourage you, Sisters, to visit our website for information on CCA and updates on all its programs and initiatives. Our sincere gratitude to you, Sister Jeanne-Marie!**





## CCA Newsletter

Sr. Donna (Cleveland)

"I have enjoyed being editor of the CCA Newsletter. I was able to work with and get to know so many Sisters. I was able to give back to CCA a small bit of what CCA has given me as a Newer Member."



### **MONIKA**

**We are also grateful to Sr. Donna who, with professional skill and creativity, has done a beautiful job and gifted us with a fresh look for the CCA Newsletter.**

**Let's hear what she has to say to us;**

**"I have enjoyed being editor of the CCA Newsletter.**

**I was able to work with and get to know so many Sisters.**

**I was able to give back to CCA a small bit of what CCA has given me as a Newer Member."**

**Thank you very much, Donna.**

## CCA Archives

Sr. Colette (Baltimore)



**BEST  
ARCHIVIST  
EVER**



**ROZ**

**And then there is Sr. Colette, our best ever archivist!**

**She has done incredible behind the scenes work over the years on our archives!**

**We are in awe! A million thanks to you from all of us, Colette!**

## CCA Treasurer

Sr. Marjorie (Beacon)



**ROZ**

**Beyond being a great book-keeper, Sr. Margie is a remarkable resource and Treasurer! We assure you, with her there's only one way – a path to prosperity! A huge thank you, Margie.**

## Delegations for Special Projects

- **WWD PROJECT TEAM**  
*Srs. Claire, Celia & Elizabeth McCabe*  
*Facilitators & Note-takers for WWD*
  - **FUNDRAISING & GRANT WRITING COMMITTEE**  
*Stephanie Hauge, Srs. Michaelene Devin, Judy Murray*
  - **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM**  
*Srs. Jean Alice McGoff, Colette Ackerman, Sr. Mary Fleig, Stephanie & LT*
  - **LITURGY PLANNING TEAM**  
*Srs. Claire Sokol, Marie Elizabeth Krug & Robin Stratton*
  - **PLANNING for MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
*Sr. Mary Teresa*
  - **ARCHIVAL EXHIBIT**  
*Sr. Colette Ackerman*
- 

**CIE** And then we have our special project teams.

**MONIKA** Firstly, we mention our Women at the Well *Dialogues* project team. Earlier we spoke about how this project has brought our communities together and empowered our members to develop their communication, leadership and discernment skills. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated and creative work of Elizabeth McCabe, Srs. Claire and Celia! We also thank all of you who volunteered as facilitators and note-takers. Your contributions added to the success of the program. We are delighted that you have unanimously voted to have Women at the Well *Dialogues* continue into the future.

**BT** Likewise our determined and hardworking Grants committee consisting of Sr. Judy Murray, Sr. Michaelene and Stephanie, did marvelous work in raising funds for our programs. Leaving aside the \$80,000 grant from GHR, our fundraising team generated an additional \$40,000 in grant money and donations. The reinstatement of our 501 3c status, thanks to Sr. Margie's persistent efforts, allowed us to reapply with Koch Foundation and resulted in a \$10,000 grant to be used for our 50th anniversary celebration. Our heartfelt thanks to our grants committee. We are especially indebted to Stephanie for her expert grant writing skills in addition to her personal financial contribution to CCA!



**CIE** Although our in-person General Assembly has been postponed, the LT delegated many responsibilities for its preparation and much work has already been accomplished. Here we acknowledge with great gratitude our delegates who made significant contributions for the gathering. We still hope to be able to celebrate in some way.

**ROZ** The LT had the privilege and joy of working with a committed and very creative General Assembly planning team consisting of Srs. Colette, Jean Alice, Mary Fleig and Stephanie to plan for our 50th anniversary celebration. Thank you so much to each of you, for your time and energy.

We also want to acknowledge the work of our liturgy planning team: Srs. Claire, Robin and Marie Elizabeth. Thank you also to Sr. Mary Teresa who was tasked to plan our memorial service and to Sr. Colette for the planned archival exhibit.



**MONIKA**

**And extra Thanks go to those asked to be Presenters for our 50th Celebration: Srs. Jean Alice, Connie, Margie, Claire, Colette, Carolyn, Susan, Maria Viatori, Agnes, and Celia.**

**Thank you also to Srs. Colette, Mary Fleig and Cecelia for their beautiful work on ambiance and brochure, to Sr. Mary Wild for agreeing to coordinate the prioresses' meeting and special thanks to Sr. Carol whose creative artwork provided us with wonderful gifts to be presented at the meeting. We are also very grateful to the Boston and Baltimore communities who hosted our meetings and to our Oldenburg sisters for generously sponsoring the planned Concert. We pray that all these will be realized at a future date.**

## CCA Goal #4

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#### **ROZ Goal #4**

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**ROZ**

**During our term the second round of sisterly visits took place. Besides the sisters who are serving on the Leadership Team, the following Sisters were part of the 2019 team of Sisterly Visitors:**

**Judy Murray and Judy Long of Baltimore,  
Marjorie Robinson of Beacon,  
Hilary Case of Concord,  
Ann and Susan Weber of Reno.**

**We are very grateful for the generous service of these sisters.**





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**These visits gave the communities an opportunity to bring up specific concerns, questions as well as hopes.**

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**ROZ**

**Our visits were experienced by both the communities and the sisterly visitors as a time of deeper bonding and sharing among sisters.**

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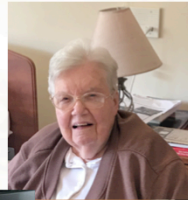


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Danville





**CIE  
Covid-19 brought a new look to Reno!**

Baltimore



Beacon

## Affiliations and Canonical Visits

Canonical visits and a process of affiliation are opportunities to look with fresh eyes, open minds, and expansive hearts at the present realities of our communities.

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**BT --- In addition to our sisterly visits in 2019: Cor orans called us to additional responsibility to reach out in love, support and concern for our sisters in communities in new ways. Canonical visits and a process of affiliation are opportunities to look with fresh eyes, open minds, and expansive hearts at the present spiritual and practical realities of our communities: their strengths and fragilities; light and shadow.**

**CIE --- Together, the community and the visitors are then able to generate hope for a future that needs to be discovered, nurtured, and Spirit-led over a period of time. More than ever CCA communities need the prayerful, loving, and joyful support of each other.**

**Together with Co-Visitors, Sr. Bernadette Therese undertook 5 official visitations.**

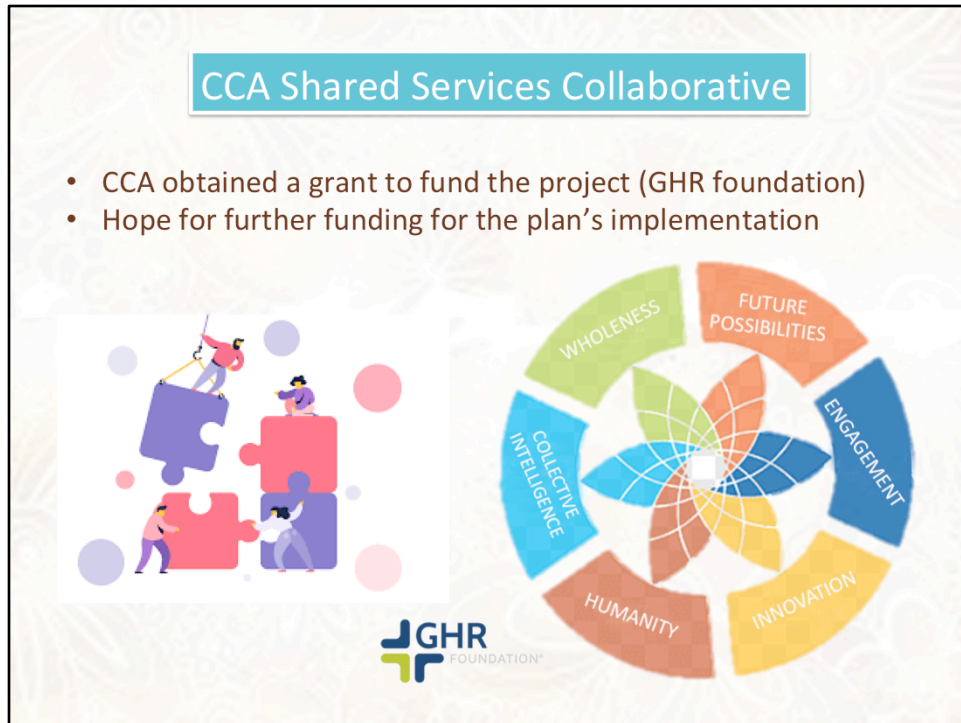




Cleveland's New House

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**Sr. BT and Sr. Cecelia visited Cleveland Carmel in preparation for their affiliation to CCA. In addition to meetings with the sisters, it was an opportunity to visit their beautiful new monastery and a happy occasion for sisterly sharing.**



**BT** Now to our CCA Shared Service Collaborative. One of the innovative and organized ways we have sought to support the identified needs of our member communities is the planning of our CCA Shared Services Collaborative. Modeled after the Wisconsin Religious Shared Services Collaborative, the CCA version first involved obtaining a grant to fund the project.

**CIE** Thanks to the work of Stephanie and Sr. Bernadette Therese, CCA was awarded a grant of \$80,000 from the GHR Foundation. The relationship with this Foundation was a huge breakthrough for us. To do the necessary research and planning Kate Asselin was hired as our project manager.

**MONIKA** We are grateful for Kate's competence in planning the program. We hope that the collaborative will forge a new way that we, as member Carmels of CCA, can work together as we face our future. Sr. Bernadette Therese along with Stephanie have also been invited to a conversation with GHR for further funding for the plan's implementation phase.



## **ROZ**

**As a result of informal discussions regarding the future of our communities and as we looked into future options, Sr. BT initiated a visit to the retirement facility of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Ipswich, MA. She was accompanied by Srs. Mary Teresa of Boston, Sue and Mary of Barrington and Claudette and Hilary of Concord. They toured the facility with Sr. Jon Julie, SND, and considered how it or other retirement facilities of active congregations might offer new options.**

**More recently, Sr. Bernadette Therese negotiated with NRRO to provide, on a pro bono basis, level of care assessments for some communities in need of them. This is another way your LT has sought to support the identified needs of our communities.**



**BT**

**As we end our report we thank all of you, our CCA members, for the privilege of serving CCA.**

**It has been challenging but also a joy and blessing to serve you.**



**BT**

**And so we continue to journey together as one CCA community, with great hope for our collective future. Thank you!**