



November 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we are extending an invitation to parish groups, youth groups, schools and religious ed. students to learn more about consecrated life at the local level. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us in consecrated life to be more visible again and to use these **“Teachable Moments”** to share the richness of our lives, as we live it and serve today. Our hope is to have every parish involved, which is why **WE NEED YOU!**

We are forming **“Two by Two”** teams of religious to be available for these requested visits. As Jesus sent out his disciples “two by two” to spread the Good News, so are we! To make it easier for you, we have created a set of talking points for you to use as an aid. They are attached below. There will be five cycles for these visits during the year from Jan. 2015 to Feb. 2016. The first cycle for these visits will be **January to March 2015**. You may choose a partner now and submit both names or be open to a partner from among the other volunteers.

Thanks so much for making this year a true celebration of Consecrated Life in the Church!

Sr. Maryann

Suggested Talking Points: (Some or all can be used or be creative!)

1. How long you have been in religious life
2. The charism of your congregation
3. Why you chose that congregation
4. The basic foundations of our lives: prayer, community, ministry
5. How the many changes over the years have opened us to new ministries; name some of them and who they serve today
6. How we continue to collaborate with the laity, our associates for Mission
7. Though smaller in number, we continue to care for all of our members and look to the future with hope for religious life to continue



**“Two by Two” Request Form
Cycle One: January – March, 2014**

Names _____ **Congr.** _____

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Phone _____

Email _____

**These visits may be done in your own parishes or deaneries.
We will match as many as possible with your preference.**

Preference for visits:

____ **Parish Groups (prayer groups, societies, senior citizen groups ...)**

____ **Schools / religious ed. classes**

____ **Youth groups**

Available Dates:

Preferred Time:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

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