



August 25, 2020

Dear Sisters,

Greetings to all of you during this strange time of COVID-19. It seems like ages since we had our June meetings. It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, and I'm sure we are all wondering whether things will ever return to "normal" or what the new "normal" will look like.

### **June 8-12, 2020 Zoom Meetings**

Our Zoom meetings in June were unique in our 50-year history. We successfully handled the current business of CCA. Each session opened with prayer and an inspiring reflection. PowerPoint presentations included the 2019 Newer Members' Gathering, Women at the Well Pilot Program, treasurer's report, Preliminary Plan for a Shared Services Collaborative, and the Accountability Report from the leadership team. The discussion and vote on proposals, as well as updating of the goals, set a clear mandate for CCA in the next two years. Overall, the feeling seemed to be that we do not want to give up in-person meetings but see that the business of the Association does not have to come to a halt if we cannot physically get together.

### **Gratitude**

Every evaluation held nothing but praise and thanks for our 2018-2020 Leadership Team. Gratitude was also extended to all whose expertise and contributions made the zoom meetings such a positive experience, as well as to each of the faithful CCA members who have taken on delegated duties over the past two years.

### **CCA Website – Members' Only**

There is a wealth of information available on the Members' Only section of CCA's website (for password ask your prioress). We encourage you to visit the website. The URL is listed below. There you will find a number of items dealing with this year's meetings.

URL: [www.ccacarmels.org](http://www.ccacarmels.org)

### **CCA Leadership**

The hope that Rome would allow us to elect a new Leadership Team virtually or by a mail-in ballot was brought up several times during the meeting. Because of the uncertainty and knowing that our current Leadership Team needed a well-earned break, we took several "leaning votes" to determine how our

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membership wanted us to move forward if Rome did not allow anything but in-person elections. We affirmed the current nominee slate of Sister Marjorie Robinson (Beacon) for President, and Sisters Mary Fleig (Baltimore), Roz Forrest (Reno) and Shirley Ahern (Latrobe) for councilors, and recommended that they would begin shadowing the Leadership Team on or about July 17, 2020 as preparation for future in-person election.

### **Going Forward**

The June 19 letter from Archbishop Carballo of CICLSAL has limited our options to an in-person election only. The **Leadership Team (LT)**—BT, Cie, Monika and Roz—met on Zoom with the **Transition Group (TG)**—Margie, Mary Fleig, Roz and Shirley—to begin the process proposed and affirmed at our June Zoom meetings. It was decided that the **LT** would continue to work with affiliations, the statutes, and all official correspondence (CICLSAL, the Generalate etc.). The **TG** has been delegated to implement the 2020-2022 goals, proposals and projects that were approved by the membership at our June Business Zooms. Although disappointed by the response from Archbishop Carballo, we are excited to be moving forward together.

You will find attached to this letter documents outlining the ***Team Responsibilities and Delegations*** as well as ***Adopted/Revised Goals for 2020-2022***. We are aware that the list does not include every area, so please recognize that it is just a starting point and we will continue to add to the list. Also, as you know, Sr. Bernadette Therese, Kate Asselin and Stephanie Hauge have met regularly over zoom in the planning of Shared Services Collaborative. As the GHR Foundation expects the duly elected association president/coordinator to represent the association in conversations and negotiations with the foundation, Bernadette Therese will continue to be involved in this project.

### **Service to CCA**

Responses to the "Service to CCA" forms have been compiled. Before long we will be reaching out to you and to all those currently on specific delegations. If there is anyone who did not fill out a service form but would still like to help out, please do not hesitate to be in touch with one of the group's members.

We, the **LT** and **TG**, would like to thank you for entrusting us with the implementation of our CCA goals and projects as we wait in hope to for an in-person election.

We promise our prayers and count on yours,

*Bernadette Therese Roz Monika Cecelia*  
*Marjorie Shirley Mary*

### **Attachments:**

*Leadership Responsibilities and Delegations*

*2020-2022 Goals*

*Consolidation of Evaluations from Zoom Meetings*