

February 9, 2018

Dear Sisters and Associates,

At the February 17 Congregational meeting, you will receive the third packet of the Congregational retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises that we are praying in preparation for Chapter 2018. For those who will not be present for the meeting, please contact Karyn Zaffuto and she will see that you receive a copy of the suggested readings.

Like the last set of readings which focused on the birth, early life and public life of Jesus that coincided with the liturgical season, this set helps us move into the Lenten Season as the readings represent the latter part of Jesus' public life, his suffering, and death.

As we pray this retreat together, let us remember all those in the world who are living the paschal mystery today: those displaced by war and violence, victims of abuse – physical and psychological, those suffering from broken bodies and broken dreams. Let us also pray for our own sisters and associates suffering loss at various levels. As we pray for the suffering body of Christ throughout the world and in our own homes, let us place this suffering in union with Christ for the healing of the world.

Thank you for your participation in whatever way you are able that together we may move toward our upcoming Chapter with greater inner freedom and openness to all the graces that God wishes to give us at this time.

Gratefully,

Carolyn Bodenschatz, Cindy Comiskey, Paula Drass, Catherine Higgins, Janet Mock, Carolyn Wiethorn, Kathy Wray