



Vocation Awareness Week

A Two-Fold Prayer:

Thanksgiving for Our Vocation

&

For Those Yet to Come

Invitation to Prayer:

As we enter into this prayer experience we call on all the women in our SCN community who have gone before us in faith. We call on Mother Catherine to pray with us as we offer this prayer of thanksgiving for our vocation as Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

May other women be inspired to share in our charism and mission and may our community be a welcoming presence to those who are yet to come.

We pray to be faithful to the past, to respond with unbounding confidence in the present, and to have the courage to be true to all that is beckoning us from the future.

Reading: Community (Constitutions)

Our life in community is rooted in the mystery of our one faith and call in Jesus Christ, the center of our love for one another and for all to whom we are sent.

Our life with one another in the local community, as well as our life in the larger community of the Church, is intimately connected with mission in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

Our unity develops through mutual acceptance, trust and willingness to be reconciled.

Like Catherine Spalding, we strive to actualize the Beatitudes in our times, realizing that whatever the manner of our individual response to the gospel message, we also share in the mission of the whole Church, supported and enriched by one another.

Reflection

Litany of Blessing:

Holy one of Blessing, Giver of all life and beauty, you love us into being.
We stand before you in gratitude for calling us—alone and together into our journey of life.

Bless us with the gift of vision . . .
To see your beauty around us and within us,
To delight in the lavish gifts of your gracious creation.

BLESS US WITH VISION!

Bless us with the gift of courage. . .
To embrace the darkness and pain of the journey,
To stand in love with those who suffer and ache on life's journey.
Carve into the canyons of our hearts your faithful love.

BLESS US WITH COURAGE!

Bless us with the gift of creativity . . .
To help us brave new grounds, to test new horizons,
To risk and trust being co-creators with you
transforming creation according to your vision of peace and justice.

BLESS US WITH CREATIVITY!

Bless us with the gift of compassion . . .
To see the interconnectedness of all life,
To celebrate with fiery hearts your healing presence in and through us.

BLESS US WITH COMPASSION!

Bless us with a welcoming presence . . .
To recognize that we are each an important part of
inviting and welcoming new relationships into the SCN family.
Help us to become a light that points others to the road that we each must find.

BLESS US WITH WELCOMING PRESENCE!

Bless all those who you are yet to come into our SCN community . . .
Give them the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call.

BLESS THOSE WHO ARE YET TO COME!

Finally, bless us with the grace to recognize your gifts when they are given,
To own them, to claim them and to acknowledge them as yours to give away.
Amen.