Sisters of Christian Charity
A
Vibrant and Alive
Community of Invitation and Welcome

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IN OUR COMMITMENT TO BE A VIBRANT AND ALIVE COMMUNITY OF INVITATION AND WELCOME, WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS AND REFLECT ON THESE WORDS TO FIND PATHS TO GROW IN COMMUNITY LIVING AND RECONCILIATION:

> The community coordinate of Religious Life involves the permanent acceptance of the community itself as the primary and determining relational context of one's life. Therefore, each member's relationship with the community itself becomes the focus of her life, while still maintaining relationships with family, friends and colleagues outside the congregation. Sandra Schneiders, *Finding the Treasure*: Locating Catholic Religious Life in a New Ecclesial and Cultural Context

"Always be friendly toward everyone! Willingly bear the faults of others without complaining of them to a third party and without growing bitter toward anyone. We experience a far greater spiritual gain by being patient with annoying people than the time we would have gained by dealing with them abruptly." Pauline von Mallinckrodt, Retreat 1842

Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church. Lord Jesus raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness, by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of Vocations, teach us to hear and follow your Son. Holy Mary, Queen of Priests, sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for our families and intercede for our children. Amen. *Source: Diocese of Harrisburg*