

Big Picture Conversations



We are committed to proclaiming the Gospel message in the spirit of Jesus the Redeemer. Strengthened by a life of vowed consecration, nurtured by prayer and the Eucharist, and sustained by community living, we radiate joyful service and promote Gospel values, offering compassion to all God's people through our charism of love, creative hope, and fidelity and through our mission to evangelize, to catechize, and to teach.

The intent of a Chapter...



- Is to focus on **Possibilities,**
not
Problem-
solving



A Chapter...

- Addresses that which you most want to **create together** as you look to the future
- What can happen **only** at a Chapter?
- What are the **conversations** you most want to have with each other?



Big Picture Conversations:

1. honor the contemplative movement expressed through communal discernment
2. involve everyone - shifting from “I” to “We”
... focus on “the good of the whole”
3. represent more than an individual or special interest group (“proposals”)
4. come from and lead to a deeper place



- 5. come from a place of passion/urgency**
- 6. flow from conversation with each other and
move to the wider community**
- 7. tap into our deepest sense of vision and
mission as a community ... pointing
direction for the future...**

*May we never speak least
about what matters most!*



Communal Discernment

*It is God's
transformative grace
and practicing the
discipline of communal
discernment that
moves us to a new,
more generative place.*



Carole Shinnick, SSND

Communal Discernment

...invites heartfelt deep conversation, fostering shared hope, shared vision about an evolving future. It invites constant movement from I to WE to ONE.



Communal Discernment...

...is a process not just between you and God, but between you and others, within and among whom God is revealed. It is about the people of God, the world, the earth, the cosmos.



Behold...Listen...

What is the new that is ours to discover, bring forth through this Chapter experience?

What are we seeing, hearing?

What is emerging?



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