

## *Ritual of Delegate Commitment*

(Please use with Morning or Evening Prayer.)

*As our period of discernment comes to closure,  
we offer ourselves as possible delegates and/or supporters of the Chapter Delegation.*

Please use the prayers for Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter with the following adaptations.

*In place of the canticle*, please share a period of Communal Contemplation  
– in the stillness of our indwelling God.

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-21, 26-27

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves, or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you” ... If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.

The Word of the Lord.

### *Response to the Reading*

**Leader:** Sisters, as loved and vital members of our IHM congregation, I ask you now to complete your delegate commitment paper, indicating your continued participation in Chapter 2023.

*Each sister will fill out her delegate commitment paper and place it in the envelope that will be sealed and forwarded to the motherhouse.*

**Continue** with the Gospel canticle and the remaining prayers of the office.

### *Concluding Prayer*

**ALL:** God of Boundless Love,

Help us to be faithful members of our IHM Community.

Bless our efforts to participate wholeheartedly in Chapter 2023

Bring us rejoicing into newness of life. Amen. Alleluia

