

**CPC Letter Regarding Clusters/Small Group Gatherings  
September 15 to November 1, 2024**

*“I have done what is mine to do; may Christ teach you what is yours.”*

St. Francis

September 11, 2024

Dear Sisters,

As you know, the Chapter of 2025 formally began with the letter received from Margaret Magee during the Gathering. The roadmap to Chapter asks that we have cluster or small group meetings between September 15 to November 1. We, as the Chapter Planning Committee (CPC), have reviewed the material and feedback from this summer’s Congregational Gathering to plan this next step.

You may recall that the Congregational Gathering focused upon three “critical issues”: Vocations, Completion and Leadership. We recognize that all three of these issues are interrelated parts of a whole, our Congregation and its future. Recall, also, that during the Congregational Gathering, Ted offered two new lenses through which to look at these crucial issues: **Lifecycles** and **Pathways** to the future.

1. Lifecycles: each country is in a different place on the organizational lifecycle which, in turn, affects how we understand and approach these issues of Vocations, Completion, and Leadership.
2. Pathways: 1) the path of least resistance; 2) the path of fruition (or fulfillment); 3) the path of transformation. Once again, the path we are choosing to walk directly affects how we will understand and approach these critical issues.

As a CPC, we think that it is an important next step to further the conversation regarding “completion.” We recognize that completion relates to the other two critical issues, and it is a bit artificial to compartmentalize these. For the sake of clarity and discerning more specific direction about your future, we are inviting you to reflect upon, and dialogue about, the “tasks of completion” in your gatherings in clusters or in small groups. We hope this will advance our work on this critical issue.

## Goal

**We will explore the tasks of completion that are ours to do in each of our respective countries, and we will surface the concrete work we need to do as a Congregation.**

## Instructions and Preparation

### Step one

Attached are three documents for you to read in preparation for your small group/cluster gatherings:

1. Completion: Spirit, Lifecycle, and Tasks
2. Lifecycles: Implications for your critical issues
3. Three Pathways: Implications of choosing your direction regarding these critical issues

In addition to the document on “completion,” you may wish to see the video of Ted’s input on completion, originally presented at the Congregational Gathering [Link for United States and Jamaica Video on completion](#) (password: FSA2024).

### Step 2

Reflect upon, and identify, the lifecycle “stage” in which you find yourself as a country.

Reflect upon, and identify, which of the three paths you are traveling as a country and as a Congregation. Then ask yourself:

- What are the most important completion tasks that are ours to do as a country? Be specific.
- If we were to accomplish these tasks, what is the New Life we hope could emerge as a result?
- What is the soulwork you need to do, personally and as a country, to succeed in these efforts?

### **Step 3**

Gather in your small groups/clusters and meet for at least a half day to share your reflections. Designate a facilitator to help guide the conversations. Identify a scribe to write up a summary of your responses. Be specific and descriptive in your scribing. In other words, **write complete sentences, not just bullet points or headlines (suggested length, one page).**

### **Step 4**

Submit your feedback by typing into the Chapter 2025 Portal (page is being developed, link will be sent via email). **Submit before November 1, 2024.**

Since the Gathering, the Chapter Planning Committee has had to revise some of dates for our Chapter events. **A revised Save the Dates is being sent with this letter.** Please recall that these are Chapter events, and these are requirements for those sisters intending to be Deliberative Participants of Chapter. Our desire is that everyone participates in all these events of Chapter.

Peace and all Good!

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