



Dear Sisters,

The Legacy Fund, which was presented to the Congregation last year, has been on a hiatus since last spring. Leadership felt that there were so many other communications going out to the Congregation in that time period, that the importance of this project would be lost.

The work has been resurrected and we want to bring you up to date before the October area meetings.

First of all, to review:

- The Legacy fund is a response to the 2021 Direction Statement.
- The committee was established in February 2022.
- In May 2022, after interviewing three law firms, Capell, Barnett, Matalon and Schoenfeld was hired.
- In September 2022, there were Zoom meetings with the Congregation for updating.
- In September 2022, a survey to assess readiness to express an opinion on the not-for-profit charitable fund was sent to the Congregation. There was a 92% positive response.
- During the winter the committee met with the law firm to create drafts of the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws.
- In February 2023 the committee met with Council and our financial advisors to discuss possible funding.
- March 2023 the committee presented recommended next steps to Council at which time the project was paused.

The committee is now looking ahead to matters that must be addressed:

A Board of Directors of nine members needs to be created which initially will consist of 3 Sisters of St. Joseph and six lay people, including an Executive Director. Members of the Congregation will be asked for suggestions of names to serve on this Board. The final decision will rest with Leadership.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation as we live our Chapter mandate of radical, inclusive love in action.

Sincerely,

S. Kathleen Carberry, Susan Kropf and Sister Kathleen Mc Kinney