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A prayer for discernment as LCWR begins deliberations

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The Leadership Conference of Women Religious begins several days of deliberations today in preparations to offer a response to the April 18th Vatican doctrinal assessment. Leaders of 13 regions of women religious will begin to decide this week on a course of action and will take the ideas which come from this week's discussions to the full LCWR assembly, set to meet in August in St. Louis.

Meanwhile, LCWR as asked for prayers and has posted on its website a prayer written by Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Chris Koellhoffer.

God's Spirit

A Prayer for our Sisters

In this time of pain and promise,
we call on God's Spirit to bless
the leadership of LCWR, of our
Congregation, and all women religious
who strive to live the gospel in these
uncertain times.

We call on the Spirit of God to reveal
the way forward that is faithful to God's
dream for us and our lives together.

May all who are called to engage

in prayer and conversation come to the table with hearts that are open, transparent, and faith-filled. May their reflection be marked by a deep listening to the voice of the Spirit at work in our world.

May the holy ones who have gone before us inspire us by their courage and wisdom and affirm that we are not alone.

May we continue to faithfully live the questions of our time and witness to the people of God that we are women at home with mystery and filled with fierce hope for our shared future.
Amen.

by Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Chris Koellhoffer

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