CALL OF THE 20TH GENERAL CHAPTER

November 20, 1997

We, the members of the 20th General Chapter, reaffirm the Mandate for Action and call the congregation to respond anew to our prophetic mission as women religious moving into the third millennium.

Impelled by the spirit of Jesus Christ...

We commit ourselves

- -to design and implement plans for theological development and to use processes for theological reflection that lead to action,
- -to revitalize community living for the sake of the mission.

We struggle in solidarity with those who are poor for justice---

We commit ourselves

- -to explore and face the complexity of the economic, social, and political causes of poverty as we work toward the elimination of unjust structures;
- -to reverse those personal and communal choices which exploit the earth and impoverish peoples;
- -to confront injustice through education that challenges and liberates.

...We struggle...for global community.

We commit ourselves

- -to claim our identity as a multicultural congregation and to witness unity prophetically in the church and in the world;
- -to dialogue and collaborate with Christian churches, other world religions, and groups dedicated to the vision of global community so that the desire of of Jesus that all be one become more fully realized.

General Chapter, October 15 – November 20, 1997, Mundelein, Illinois, USA