

# Directional Statement of the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter

## CALL TO SOLIDARITY

We, the members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter, together with School Sisters of Notre Dame throughout the world, embrace a new moment in our history as an international congregation. Called to solidarity with all Creation, we are ready, personally and communally, to risk all we are and all we have for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ.

Grounded firmly in *You are Sent* and in our *Call to Transformation* of the 21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter, we claim in a new way our internationality, or ministry of education for the transformation of the world, and Eucharist as the center of our lives.

### **Internationality**

We recognize in our internationality new potential for acting interdependently among ourselves and with all Creation. Cherishing our unity which is at the heart of solidarity, we are open to reconfiguration within the congregation for the sake of the mission. We hold all in common – giving, receiving, and choosing what is best for the whole. Diverse in cultures yet united in mission, we make decisions for the common good.

### **Education that Transforms**

We are convinced anew that education is our response to the cries of Creation, the concrete expression of our solidarity with all. Therefore, we promote education for all, especially those who are marginalized and forgotten. Wherever possible, we link our ministries across the world. We collaborate with others on all levels, sharing our charism and spirituality. Together we carry our mission into the future.

### **Eucharist**

We celebrate Eucharist and live it authentically. Cosmic in dimension, Eucharist transforms us, calling us again and again to reconciliation and solidarity among ourselves and with all Creation. United with the self-gift of Christ to God in the Holy Spirit, we are ready to lay down our lives to be bread that is blessed, broken and shared for the life of the world.

With jubilee in our hearts, we gratefully commit to act together in response to this call to solidarity.

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In the 175<sup>th</sup> year of our graced history as School Sisters of Notre Dame.

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