Closing Prayer for Seeds of Hope

Response: Sing "Ubi Caritas" or an appropriate refrain after each paragraph.

Loving God,

We pray for all who long to follow you, especially as School Sisters of Notre Dame. Be with us as we ponder these words of our Holy Rule, *You Are Sent*.

"Through our life as apostolic women religious, we witness to the joy and challenge of following Christ. Gifted with {your} grace and drawn to our way of life, other women perceive within themselves {your} call to share in the life of our congregation. We welcome these women and together with them enter into a process of discerning their call to be School Sisters of Notre Dame. #43, *You Are Sent*

Refrain: "Ubi Caritas..."

Each new member brings to us the gift of herself, stimulates growth in us, and moves us more consciously into the future. We, in turn, enrich her by the gift of ourselves, our living tradition, and our spirituality. Together we continually discover the meaning of our vocation. #44, *You Are Sent*

Refrain: "Ubi Caritas..."

As we identify more deeply with Christ, the very pattern of his life becomes ours. We experience, as individuals and a community, now one aspect and now another of Christ's paschal mystery, of his life, death, and resurrection. Moving toward the fullness of personhood in Christ, we become more integrated, freer to proclaim the good news. #45, *You Are Sent*

Refrain: "Ubi Caritas..."

For all of us who struggle to remain faithful, may we support one another in living what we profess. This we ask through Christ, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen

Refrain: "Ubi Caritas..."