

**THE GENERALATE  
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Dear Sister Mary Beth,

As you are aware, the Sixteenth General Chapter mandated the General Council to study "Nongovernmental Organization status of the United Nations with a view to seeking such status for the Congregation." As a General Council we have spent time considering how we might best conduct this study. We have concluded that two Sisters from the General Council—Sisters Wonda Potts and Godeharda Lippok would serve as Council liaison members for this study. These two Sisters would coordinate the overall study and do the necessary research and study that is possible here in Rome. In addition, we are asking three Sisters from the European Provinces to acquire information that is available in the European area and to provide the General Council with a report of this collated information and the conclusion and recommendations reached by these Sisters.

Also, we are asking Sisters in North America to form a similar committee to gather information, to submit to us the results of their study, their recommendations and conclusions. Sisters Wonda and Godeharda would collate the information received from the three groups and submit the results of the study to the General Council which will in turn report to the Extended General Council and the General Chapter.

We wonder, Sister Mary Beth, if it would be possible for you to serve on this committee. We would be grateful if this would be possible for you and would appreciate receiving your response to this request.

There can be no doubt of the gifts of internationality and education that our community has received. If we can foster and/or share these gifts via participating in the United Nations, we certainly see this as a gift of God to the Church and to our Congregation. May the Lord bless you as you consider this request; we look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully and prayerfully,

Sister Mary Margaret Johanning, SSND  
General Superior

P.S. Although this note is very delayed, Mary Beth, I want to assure you of my gratitude for your initiative in bringing this matter to the attention of the General Chapter. Thank you; I am deeply grateful! I hope everything is well for and with you. I think I heard or read that you were coming to Europe for a meeting; if so, I hope you have an opportunity to visit us. Know of my gratitude, love, and prayer.