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Dear Sister Marlene,

Following our CRC General Assembly, I do want to express our deep gratitude for your joyful and participative presence. It was a delight to have you with us and to know that our American sisters and brothers were present through and with you, as you expressed it so beautifully.

One of the resolutions of this Assembly was that, through the LCWR, it be officially conveyed to our American Sisters of religious apostolic communities that the women and men religious of Canada stand with you in solidarity and support through continued prayer as you experience the Apostolic Visitation and the Doctrinal Assessment. We recognize that this is undoubtedly a very challenging time for you but we pray that the experience will be a source of renewed hope, the hope so well illustrated through the exhibit of *Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America* on display in various parts of the States.

We consider it a blessing to be co-laborers with you. Many Canadian congregations have members in the U.S., our mission and ministries are carried out in the one Church, for the one Kingdom of God. Do we not also find our Center and source of unity in the following of Christ!

We also pray that eventually this transformative moment in history will be remembered as a significant moment when the importance of religious life in the Church and in global society was reaffirmed.

May the Spirit of fortitude and wisdom continue to energize you, making of you pathfinders and bridge builders as you respond in compassion to the needs of our Church and our world.

Sincerely,

Mary Finlayson, RSCJ  
President  
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