

# CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND.

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Dear June

At its national conference last month, the Conference of Congregational Leaders of Aotearoa New Zealand (CLCANZ) requested that I write on behalf of the Conference to offer the members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious USA our prayerful support and encouragement as you receive the Vatican 'visitors' amongst your communities.

New Zealand is a very long distance geographically from the United States but that physical isolation does not prevent us being aware through a myriad of sources of events and issues challenging and affecting Religious in other parts of the world. The issues being raised for all of you through the "visitation" also give us cause to reflect and pray about what is our actual and perceived role in the Church – both globally and locally.

Although we recognise that this cannot be an easy time for Women Religious in the USA, we also pray that the integrity and commitment of so many will become even more evident through the 'visitation' and that this period in your history, as well as bringing challenges, will also become a source of renewed hope and grace to all your members and to the Church in the United States.

In prayerful support.



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