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Dear Sisters in Christ,

What a joy it is for us to join you for this wonderful day to pray together and build community with the women of our diocese at this Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection! We are grateful for the opportunity to grow in faith and nearness to others, all while being inflamed by the love of Jesus Christ.

For over 150 years, the Sisters of Notre Dame have accompanied people of the Diocese of Cleveland in various ministries including education, social services, spiritual enrichment, parish life, and healthcare. From our origins in Germany with just two Sisters in 1850, our Congregation currently has over 1,800 Sisters located in eighteen countries throughout the world today. We have over 200 Sisters in initial formation worldwide. Each day we live out our charism of proclaiming God's goodness and provident care to a hurting world.

To continue growing in relationship with Christ and others, we would like to share with you a few helpful resources.

- **SND Blogs**

Multiple Sisters of Notre Dame write personal blogs focused on spiritual and personal enrichment. You can find a list of blogs at sndusa.org/blogs/.

- **SND Authors**

In addition to blogs, we have multiple authors in our SND family. One author, Sister Kathleen Glavich, SND, has a soon-to-be released book, *Cherished by Jesus: A Daily Devotional for Women*, which is now available for preorder at all major retailers.

Sister Melanie Svoboda, SND recently released *When the Rain Speaks: Celebrating God's Presence in Nature*, which is also available at all major retailers. Our Sister-authors write on a variety of topics including spirituality, Marian devotions, poetry, and history.

- **Vocation Discernment and Support**

The Sisters of Notre Dame Vocation and Young Adult team are available to support all people discerning next steps in their lives. If you are, or know, a woman interested in religious life, you can find information to connect with a Sister of Notre Dame at vocations.sndusa.org.

We would also like to extend an invitation for you to join us for a Women's Directed Silent Retreat, December 13-15, 2024, at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon, OH. This retreat offers you a time of silence with God, while having the opportunity for spiritual accompaniment by a Sister of Notre Dame. Space is limited. For questions or to register, please contact Sister Kelley Rush at krush@sndusa.org.

Know of our prayers for you and all those you love and support.

Yours in Notre Dame,

Sisters Kelley Rush and Kaitlin Morse and The Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States