

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What word, phrase or insight from the quotations challenges or resonates with you?
2. What are some of the ways we can become more conscious of our oneness with God, with others, and with all of creation?
3. What are some of the barriers that prevent unity?
4. How can we live more deeply the words of Jesus; "That all may be one"?



The Mission Effectiveness Committee welcomes feedback or suggestions you would like to offer. Please send them to:

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List of Reflection Booklets

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Unity

Reconciliation

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MISSION EFFECTIVENESS

Sisters of Saint Joseph and Associates in Mission

"That all may be one."

Unity



We live and work so that all people
may be united with God
and with one another."

Mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph

Mission Effectiveness Reflection Booklet

UNITY

At the heart of the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Associates is the call to live in union and harmony with God, one another, and all of creation. This mission is rooted in God's deep desire that we live and act as one.

Contemporary Spirituality and Quantum Physics confirm that all of life is interdependent, interconnected, and interrelated. The reality is that WE ARE ONE. "What we choose, then, is not that we will be related but *how* we will relate." (Kathleen Fischer)

The Mission Effectiveness Committee has developed a series of reflection booklets based on the Mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is our hope that these booklets will be a source of enrichment for us and for others. We recommend that you duplicate these booklets and use them with as many people as possible: local community, parishioners, co-workers, neighbors, and friends of the Congregation.

May we continue to tend the fire of our passion for union.



Let your love for God be unitive: that is, let it bind you fully and totally to God through the thoughts of your mind, the affections of your heart and the holiness of your words and works.

(Maxim 9:4)

For Your Reflection

"We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Toward this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of the Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations."

Preamble of the Earth Charter



"Our oneness urges us to live and act in ways that are beneficial for all. It tells us that a sustainable future is possible, one in which everything and everyone lives in harmony."

Joyce Rupp, OSM

"The call to communion in the world is the call for communion in my heart with all that God has created."

Miriam Larkin, CSJ

"Usually we act as if we were autonomous, independent beings. But occasionally - at a waterfall, on a walk, hugging someone we love - we glimpse a trace of infinity. Something inside us remembers the oneness."

Daniel C. Matt