

God of Oneness, may we be open to wonder, to the silent voice of the mystic within us and in our living and our dying may we plant seeds of new birth. Amen

All (Sing/Say):

Love shall be our lantern flame
Burning in our pilgrim hearts
Love shall be our lantern flame
Calling us beyond the known. (Monica Brown)

Give Thanks and Celebrate!



*We invite you to gather as community
for a celebratory meal on this special day!*



Our Way of Life



RITUAL OF CELEBRATION

OF

OUR NEW CONSTITUTIONS AND DIRECTIVES

26 April 2015

"Be Still" Time

Short time of quiet reflection

Share a phrase or sentence that speaks to you

Receiving and Accepting Our Way of Life

(Suggestion: This can be done by giving and receiving in pairs. Feel free to make a brief personal response if you wish, or to use the text below. Reflective music in the background).

Call: Receive and accept *Our Way of Life*. May you _____ continue to bring to birth the dream of God and Nano for our world.

Response: I receive and accept *Our Way of Life* with joy and gratitude and I commit myself to the faithful living of the vision it holds for the life and mission of the Congregation. *Amen.*

PART II

(This section may be done at another session/time.)

Ritual of Naming and Planting New Seeds

Have in readiness pots with soil for each Sister or one pot for the Community, and seeds for planting

Reader 6: In this year dedicated to Consecrated Life, what is the 'new seed' that you wish to plant? (Pause)

I invite you to name it aloud into the group.

Sharing : Naming of 'new seeds'

Reader 6: I now invite you to plant the seed(s).

Sacred Space

Suggestions for Centrepiece

- * Copies of *Our Way of Life*
- * Lighted Candle
- * Small pots with soil for each member and a container with Seeds
- * A Sapling
- * Reflective Music

(Please use/adapt this Ritual in whatever way is meaningful for you.)



PART I

Theme

Reader 1: *We invite one another to gather as a community into a circle of loving communion around this centrepiece.*

The theme for this prayer-across-the Congregation is this
"Dreams appear as seeds that when planted must become a forest reserve."

This time of Ritual invites us to a fresh opportunity. In contemplating our new Constitutions and Directives, we participate in the ongoing, unfolding dream of Nano Nagle, and hear the call to us once again to continue sowing the seeds of new beginnings.