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Dear NCVR Members,

The world-wide Church has embarked on a two-year journey together at the invitation of Pope Francis, a Synod of "Journeying Together in Synodality".

We are called by Baptism to deepen our vision of a Church for today, building relationships with all people for the sake of building up the Church relevant to the third millennium. In these months, we will pray together, listen and dialogue better and have our hearts and energy renewed as we walk with God and follow God's desire for us.

The National Conference of Vicars for Religious is recognized by the USCCB as a Conference of service to and representation of all members of consecrated life in our dioceses in the US Church. As such, NCVR is responsible to invite all its members to participate in the Synodal Process and submit a Conference Report to USCCB.

The Regional Chairpersons for NCVR have received some materials to begin forming listening sessions among all of you in each NCVR region. You may use and adapt these materials in your own dioceses as you are able. They can be available through your regional Chairperson.

The reports from these NCVR listening sessions will be sent separately to the USCCB through the National Board. This will not interfere with any diocesan or parish reports, though some of you may be participating in those sessions as well.

I encourage you to engage the members of Consecrated Life in your Dioceses in Listening Sessions on the materials distributed here or from the website for the USCCB.

All diocesan and regional reports will be due to your Regional Chairperson by **February 25, 2022**. The National Board will work together to synthesize our responses.

May these days of Advent, as a new liturgical year opens, bring us listening hearts, seeing eyes and deep awareness of our oneness in God and our Church at the service of God's people.

Many blessings,

Sr. Maryann Seton Lopiccolo, SC

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