January 12, 2023

Dear Members of NCVR,

Peace and Joy for these ongoing days of Christmas! As we celebrate the daily life of the Incarnation, may we commit ourselves to be the presence of God-with us each new coming day.

The National Conference of Vicars for Religious will meet in person in Milford OH for the annual Assembly from March 13-16, 2023. At that time Elections of National Officers will take place. The NCVR is made up of leaders, you and I who are called to serve in many capacities. One of these calls is to serve in leadership to our Conference. No one of us has surplus time or energy, but as the adage goes, "Ask a busy person to do one more thing, and it gets done"! They must have known us when that was coined!

The guidelines for election state: "This (election) committee shall solicit from dues-paying members the nominees for each of the elected offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer."

The NCVR Board asked that we serve as the Elections' Co-Chairperson.

With the revision of the Constitutions for NCVR in 2019, these current officers are eligible for reelection, Sr. Maryann Seton Lopiccolo, SC as President, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Vasquez, SSCJ as Vice-President, Sr. Gilmary Kay, RSM as Secretary and Sr. Mariette Moan, ASCJ as Treasurer.

We are all invited to individually suggest nominees both from the members of our own Regions as well as from other Regions. Once your nominees are submitted, I will contact these members to receive their acceptance of nomination. We are encouraged to nominate for each office and vicars / delegates may be nominated for more than one office. We will be using the website to post the final nominations. More information and directions will be given at that time. Please take some time now to become more familiar with the site: http://ncvreligious.org

Please review the revised "Responsibilities for NCVR Officers" found in the supplemental pages of the Manual for Vicars and use the enclosed Nomination Form to submit your nominations. Self-nominations are valued and encouraged.

We truly want to encourage new names to surface for leadership, now or in the future. The strength of our Conference depends on the strength of its members' participation, so please give this some thought and prayer.

Thanks for your participation in and support of the life and service of our Conference and its leadership.

Sincerely, Ann David Strohminger, OSF Patricia Wormann, OP Elections' Co- Chairpersons