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Dear Sisters,

It is heartening that Becoming One is moving forward in small steps. Members from both Institutes are reaching out to each other and forging bonds which will strengthen in time.

Early in 2024, it is proposed that a Constitutions Commission be set up to review and revise the Constitutions. Over the past decades, considerable work has been done on these documents. While the Jesuit Constitutions are common to both groups, CJs have Complementary Norms and IBVMs have Volume II. The Complementary Norms include theological and spiritual aspects as well as juridical norms. IBVMs have separate handbooks for the more juridical norms. Both modern documents are very different in their design and in their content focus.

It is desirable that the reflection on the constitutions, especially Part II, should involve as many members as possible. To facilitate this process, some study and reflection on Part II of the other Institute branch is needed. Between now and Christmas, we invite all of us to familiarize ourselves with the latter texts. Such reading is personal preparatory engagement for the work of revision. It will help us all to enter more fully into the review when it begins in 2024.

For the CJ-Provinces and Regions this includes providing translations in the different languages where this has not yet happened.

We are convinced that our common and openhearted effort to grow in our spiritual heritage will be a time of unity and grace for all of us. The review of the constitutions in a 21st century context will bind us together on a very deep level.

Venerable Mary Ward – and Teresa Ball - pray for us and give us your spirit

United in prayer as we move forward,

Mary
Pratima
Kate
Veronica
Carmel
Helena
Aparadine
Luce
Estela
Natali

Attachments:

For IBVM: CJ Complementary Norms (English and Spanish)

For CJ: IBVM Volume II (English and Spanish)