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A prayer for discernment as LCWR begins deliberations

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The Leadership Conference of Women Religious begins several days of deliberations today in preparations to offer a response to the April 18th Vatican doctrinal asssessment. Leaders of 13 regions of women religious will begin to decide this week on a course of action and will take the ideas which come from this week's discussions to the full LCWR assembly, set to meet in August in St. Louis.

Meanwhile, LCWR as asked for prayers and has posted on its website a prayer written by Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Chris Koellhoffer.

God?s Spirit
A Prayer for our Sisters

In this time of pain and promise,
we call on God?s Spirit to bless
the leadership of LCWR, of our
Congregation, and all women religious
who strive to live the gospel in these
uncertain times.

We call on the Spirit of God to reveal
the way forward that is faithful to God?s
dream for us and our lives together.

May all who are called to engage
in prayer and conversation come to
the table with hearts that are open,
transparent, and faith-filled. May their
reflection be marked by a deep listening
to the voice of the Spirit at work in
our world.

May the holy ones who have gone
before us inspire us by their courage
and wisdom and affirm that we are
not alone.

May we continue to faithfully live the
questions of our time and witness to
the people of God that we are women
at home with mystery and filled with

fierce hope for our shared future.
Amen.

by Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Chris Koellhoffer

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