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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Easter season, we are all invited into a conversation about our future together. This letter comes to you at a unique time in our history. Throughout our forty years of service we have provided support for our members and discerners alike. As communities change in their day-to-day realities, so too does CAVA.

Some changes we face include challenges regarding participation and leadership. For example, compared to previous years, most of us are already serving in roles and ministries other than vocation work. We are also finding that more and more CAVA members live away from Chicagoland and are covering larger geographical areas than ever before. We need to look creatively at how we can operate given these realities.

Our End-of-the-Year Gathering is an opportunity to create our future together. We need to reflect on our individual capacity, gifts and talents and how each of us can commit ourselves to CAVA's mission and vision.

In February the CAVA Advisory Board evaluated and updated our three-year goals and objectives which are listed on the second page to help everyone envision ways to collaborate in implementing these goals for the next year. We are asking you to ponder and pray, as Mary did, when she too was first asked to embark on her new journey.

1. Please come to the End-of-the-Year Gathering on May 29, ready to enter a creative, reflective dialogue about CAVA's future – reality, capacity, participation, leadership i.e. board and committee chairs.
2. Would you consider being a part of the leadership in this new creation?

Thank you for your time, your prayerful consideration and your witness to the Gospel.

Peace and blessings from the CAVA Advisory Board Members:

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Sr. Mary Beth Bromer CSSF  
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## **CAVA Goals 2017-2020**

### **Priority 1: Discernment & Prayer**

Objective A: Provide members with specific opportunities for prayer and discernment.

Objective B: Provide means to teach young people how to pray, listen reflectively and practice the art of discernment.

### **Priority 2: Outreach/Witness**

Objective A: Assess current collaborative opportunities for discernment offered by CAVA committees and determine ways to enhance or expand these efforts; i.e. CGS or Online Discernment, vocation fairs, school or campus visits, BPRs, etc.

Objective B: Connect with our collaborators/partners and determine ways to engage and share ministry.

Objective C: Identify scheduled events that are open to vocation ministers and communicate this through our website and CAVA Updates.

### **Priority 3: Membership development & support**

Objective A: Educate/inform members on ways to collaborate for mutual benefit and shared experience.

Objective B: Expand CAVA membership.

Objective C: Enhance participation of CAVA membership in the work and services provided by this organization.

Sincerely,