**QUESTIONS FOR THE JOURNEY – INSPIRATION AND CALL**

1. When were you first conscious of being “led by the Lord” to explore religious life?
2. How did you experience being “called”, being invited to “come and see?” Do any of the Gospel accounts reflect your own vocation story?
3. What did you leave behind to answer the call?
4. How does the original call continue to unfold in your life?

**QUESTIONS FOR THE JOURNEY – REQUIREMENT 1: BE CATHOLIC**

1. What is your relationship with the hierarchical Church at this time? What is your congregation’s relationship?
2. Considering the documents on the Church from Vatican Council II, what does it mean to be Catholic?
3. What does it mean to be obedient to the Church?
4. How do you understand “sine glossa?” Today we speak of the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. How do you reconcile Francis’ “literal” following of the Gospel and the Rule?
5. What challenges do religious congregations face with the Church today?
6. St. Clare placed poverty within the life of the Church. What examples in the life of the Church today affirm her belief?

**QUESTIONS FOR THE JOURNEY – REQUIREMENT 2: THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP**

1. As we consider religious life today and our particular focus on formation at this gathering, what do you think each of us individually and as whole congregations must die to in order to become better mirrors of Christ and proclaimers of the Reign of God?
2. What stumbling blocks are in our way – in our culture, in our Church, in our congregations, in ourselves?

**QUESTIONS FOR THE JOURNEY – REQUIREMENT 3: SERVANTHOOD**

1. In imitation of Christ, Francis and Clare literally became foot washers. What challenges are there in becoming a foot washer?
2. How do you see your congregation conveying this foot washing attitude?
3. Whose feet have you washed?
4. Who has washed your feet?

**QUESTIONS FOR THE JOURNEY - INITIATION**

1. What challenges you when you hear Jesus say: “Do not worry?”
2. What have you appropriated to yourself that makes it difficult to let go?
3. What grace do you need to ask from God?

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION – RECEIVED INTO OBEDIENCE**

1. How does your community life foster a desire to love your sisters enough to place your obedience in their hands? What challenges you in regard to community life?
2. Do you trust the Holy Spirit is alive and active in your congregation and in each sister?
3. Is the congregation a “significant other” in your life?
4. Fr. Vitorio Mazzuco, OFM said: You do not have a vocation crisis; you have a ‘fraternal’ crisis – that we must fall in love again with the charism and with ‘fraternal life.’ What do you think of this?