

In preparation for the Local Chapter Meeting, please reflect on these selected insights from our Gathering in June.

[If you would like to review ALL the insights, they can be found on the Congregation website in the Documents Section.]



“To what is the Spirit inviting us?” A Synthesis

1. **Living into Our Legacy:** The Spirit invites us to embrace change and transformation, be unafraid and faithful, recognize our gifts, offer our Franciscan values to our ministries, and be open to a personal Pentecost.
2. **Embracing and Sharing Our Franciscan Charism:** The Spirit encourages us to hold fast to hope, share in the spirit of prayer and contemplation, practice *confiança* (confidence in others), respond to the needs of others with our gifts and flaws, and live out the values of the Franciscan family.
3. **By Living and Creating Community of Hope:** The Spirit calls us to be compassionate listeners, acknowledge our mistakes, be open to serving one another in unexpected ways, speak from the heart, continue growing in knowledge and love of each other, and find balance in life between contemplation and action.
4. **As Ecclesial Women:** The Spirit invites us to acknowledge and appreciate our roles and gifts in the Church, pray with and for the Church, empower others to be attentive to what is going on in our church and world, and be more visible, recognized, respected, and empowered to serve our Church as women.

5. **Given our Care and Concern for our World:** The Spirit invites us to be mindful of the unique perspectives, gifts, and talents that women bring to the world, continue our environmental activism and social justice actions, find ways to dialogue kindly, and be living witnesses to the interconnectedness of the universe.

These insights highlight the Spirit's invitation to embrace change, share our Franciscan values, create compassionate communities, acknowledge women's roles in the Church, and care for our world. These insights highlight the importance we place on prayer, hope, courage, openness, authenticity, and community as we live out these invitations of the Spirit. They also underscore the need for awareness and action on behalf of peace, social justice, care of Creation as well as encounter and dialogue in addressing the hopes, needs and anxieties of the People of God.

Sentence completion:

For me, the following three insights are most important, because ...