

Explanation of the Tri-Fold General Chapter Statements Card

This commemorative prayer card includes the three statements composed by the general chapters since we restructured our government to have the two provinces and the general leadership. The card is beautifully designed by Sister Mary Kay Neff. We are grateful to her for sharing her art work and talent with us.

This card presents the 2008 Vision Statement, 2014 Directional Statement and 2019 General Chapter Statement. Also included are the logos from the chapters that created the statements. Sister Mary Kay utilized watercolor lines in her design. She explained “that while watercolor lines move and weave together, the lines and their colors represent universal themes of the vision of charity guided by the Holy Spirit, present in each of the chapter themes and statements.”

On the cover page, the logos of the Generalate, the U.S. Province and the Korean Province bear symbolism of relationship. Opening the card, first you can see the 2008 Vision Statement, which names where we wish to go as a congregation. Next the Directional Statement, which explains where the 2014 Chapter members named we need to move as a single congregation toward the vision. Finally, the 2019 General Chapter Statement names concrete actions in our mission today.

Use of the Z or accordion fold allows the eye to follow the movement and offers a view of the intersection of the statements and the work of the Spirit as represented by the watercolor lines. This is a new or unexpected presentation, different from a traditional tri-fold, which can guide reflection on our growth as a congregation.

