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**JOURNEY OF ONENESS UPDATE: New Membership**

**Novitiate minister to start in July**

Sister Anne Kappler has accepted the call and invitation from the Institute Leadership Team to join the newly formed U.S. New Membership Team as novitiate minister for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2019. Anne’s extensive gifts in vocation and incorporation work, her love for Mercy and her passion and enthusiasm for the future of religious life will be a blessing for women who discern a call to be Sisters of Mercy.

For the past 10 years, Anne served in vocation ministry before moving into incorporation for the Mid-Atlantic, South Central and West Midwest Communities. A trained spiritual director, Anne is also a registered nurse who has worked in oncology, community health centers and parishes.

**Novitiate to move to Philadelphia**

Philadelphia will be the location of the U.S. Novitiate for the next four years. The ILT chose this locale for its strong Mercy presence to support the novitiate, availability of ministries that serve people who are in need, access to theological studies, connections to intercultural communities and exposure to diverse and intercultural experiences. Sister Eileen Campbell, director of new membership, along with Sister Anne Kappler will initiate a process to determine the specific location of the novitiate in Philadelphia.

The Institute New Membership Team will visit sisters across the Institute to invite their involvement as animators in vocation ministry as well as to explore possibilities for houses where new members can live. They will also explore geographic

areas across the Institute where the fastest growing population of culturally diverse Catholics resides and determine how vocation ministry can be engaged. Thank you for your ongoing prayer, enthusiasm and support of new membership.