

April 9, 2008

Dear Sisters and Associates,

Beginning with a beautiful ritual prayer on Saturday, April 5th, close to 500 Sisters and Associates of the NED6 gathered in Holy Trinity, Hicksville, to examine initiatives that came from the winter visioning meetings. After lunch Sister Catherine Darcy RSM, a canon lawyer, presented the three canonical models of federation, merger and union and answered questions. More information will follow from the New Structures Committee.

Now, we wish to share the process for beginning these initiatives.

Each person chose the ten initiatives that were of the most interest to her/him. Following table discussion each chose three initiatives and indicated her/his commitment within the next six months, or two years, or in a prayerful form.

At the DLCNE6 leadership meeting on April 9th, those initiatives with the highest response were looked at in order to begin our collaborative endeavors. Some can be furthered by already established procedures or groups (e.g. Communicators or Justice Promoters). Other initiatives will be delegated to core groups. Those who signed up for those initiatives will be invited by the core group. Enclosed is the list of the initiatives which indicates the number of members and associates who committed to be involved within six month. The initiatives are listed by their strength of support.

Every Sister and Associate is invited to participate in an initiative. Please check our website (www.ned6.org) for the contact person for each initiative. This information will be on the website within the next two weeks. As always, we invite everyone to check the website for information on these initiatives and other updates on the NED6.

We are most grateful to all who contributed to this most successful day. It couldn't have happened without you!

Sincerely,

DLCNE6 Leadership

