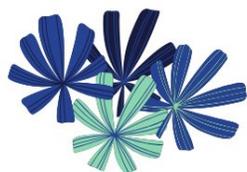
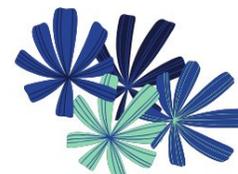


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BLESSINGS



United in a Time of Global Pandemic

"Each contact with a human being is so rare, so precious, one should preserve it."

Anaís Nín



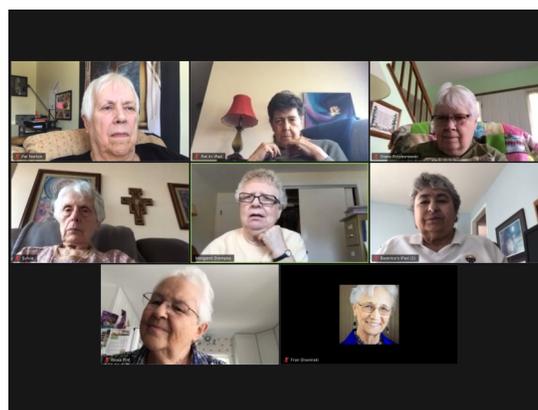
Covenant Companions Meet with the General Council

Every four years, the Covenant Companions meet with the General Council when General Council visits for Chapter. Not to be deterred by a global pandemic, the Covenant Companion Leadership Circle (CCLC) transformed the scheduled meeting into a virtual gathering with Sr. Emma coming in from Rome, Sr. Johanna from Germany, Sr. Magdalena from our motherhouse in Wheaton, and Sr. Alice from her home in Warrenville.

Many Covenant Companions set aside personal anxiety about technology and fully participated in this wonderful opportunity to engage with the General Council and to be with one another. It was a wonderful and sacred time of sharing and praying together.

Are you using technology to stay connected? Are you holding "virtual" parties, dinners, lunches, or coffee-time? Let us know ... send your story and pics to

connect@wfsisters.org



Faith Sharing Continues

Although it is not ideal, members of the Wheaton Franciscan community are finding ways to stay connected — to share faith and to share life. The JCC group met virtually in April for their regularly scheduled faith sharing gathering as pictured above.



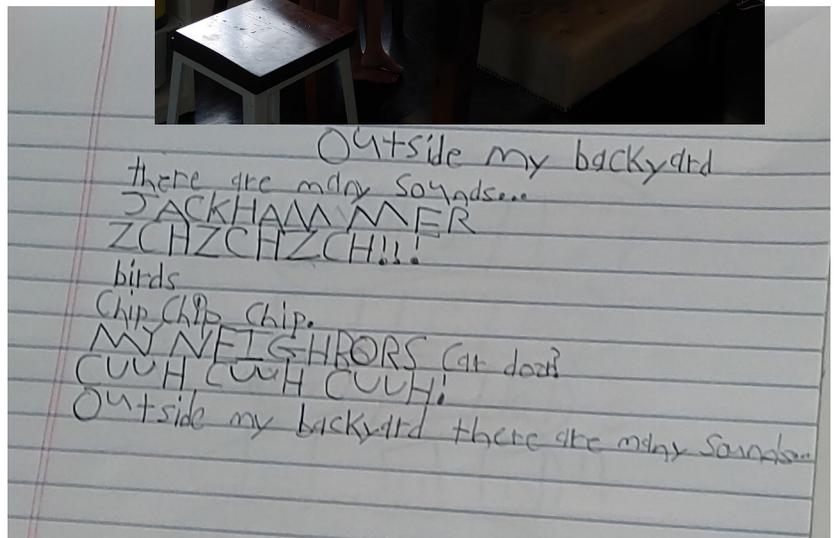
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Sharing A Love of Poetry

Covenant Companion Faith Devine shared her love of poetry through an email exchange with her grandson Braden. Braden is pictured in the photo below concentrating on writing a poem about the sounds in his backyard for his 2nd grade e-learning class assignment. The poem on the left is Faith's response back to Braden. Thank you Grandma Faith and Braden for sharing and connecting with us!

It's SPRING!!!

Big, fat worms
Big, fat robins
Chirp Chirp! Chirp!
Geese honk, honk, honking
Overhead
Mama & Papa ducks are back
Waddle, waddle, quack, quack
Outside my window
And on the pond
Kids happy voices
Carter, Westin, Fiona, O'Ryan
Ellie, Jake, Truitt, Jesse
Delighted to see & hear you again
Rain on my roof
While I lie in bed
Snow?! Oh no!!! Darn!
It's spring
Go Away
Come again another day
Tulips pushing through the snow
YAY!!!
Mud, mud everywhere
Squish, squish, squish



Our OLA Goose reminding us to

#besmart

#besafe

#stayhealthy

#stayhome

#weareinthistogether

#weareblessed