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**175 CONGREGATIONS OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS
PRAY FOR PEACE ON ELECTION DAY
Sisters will offer perpetual prayers for 24 hours**

St. Louis – More than 175 congregations of women religious will pray for peace for 24 hours on Election Day, November 3, 2020.

The idea originated following a day of prayer for the provincial council of the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province (SSNDCP). Sister Mary Kay Brooks, council member, said, “Toward the end of the day our facilitator asked, ‘Which needs are immediate and which ones are ongoing?’ I went back to our vision statement and read “responding to urgent needs and living the Gospel call to justice and peace. I was overwhelmed with the call for peace, especially as we inch our way toward election day on November 3.”

The idea began to form, said Sister Mary Kay, “Could we not band together as women religious from around the country and pray for peace on November 3? There is a plethora of material for the days before the election and even after, but not much of anything for the day of the election.”

A joint letter from the provincials of the Central Pacific Province and Atlantic-Midwest Province was sent to each member of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) inviting them to collaborate with SSND in praying for peace in our country, safety for poll workers and safety for those voting on November 3. To date, more than 120 congregations have agreed to pray around the clock on Election Day.

“We encourage Sisters, associates, family, friends and ministry partners to join the congregations in prayer throughout the day to continue building this community of peace and unity,” said Sister Mary Kay. “As women religious, we pray for urgent needs throughout the world; let us be a visible sign of that gift which has been entrusted to us.”

All are invited to join thousands of Sisters in prayers for peace November 3. The SSND have provided a [prayer](#) developed by Sister Roxanne Schares, SSND, General Superior.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province is part of an international community

of women religious whose mission is to proclaim the good news, directing their entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. The sisters live and minister in 62 dioceses, 25 states, Ghana, Guam, Italy, Japan, Kenya and Nepal. They continue the sacred work of their foundress, Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, to transform the world through education, giving special emphasis to women, young people and those who are poor.

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