

# Cluster Inter-Congregational Gatherings

September 2004

## Saturday Morning Prayer

### Call to Prayer:

Leader: In the name of our God who called us into being and graced us with the title “beloved”, in the name of our God who shared our human journey and gave us the promise of eternal life, in the name of our God who chose us to be living witnesses of profound truth and holy bearers of the Word; let us give praise and thanks!

All: AMEN

### Opening Song: *Holy Ground*

M 3

### Introduction to Litany

Leader: Today we gather in hope on this holy ground as we remember our ancestors—our soul sisters—whose stories have helped to form the foundation of our own response to God’s call as Dominicans. In the uniqueness of their life journeys, these Dominican women of faith continue to give testimony to the realization that “in every age wisdom prophets are called to preach good news, to order things rightly, and to draw others into communion with God and with one another.”

*(After each lighting/reading sing the refrain “In Every Age” twice.)*

### Sung Response: *In Every Age*

M 4

Reading from “In the Company of the Faithful” by Vincent Harding, SOJOURNERS, 1985.

### Response in Song and Dance: *(three times) Ancestors, Soul Sisters*

M 5

### Quiet pause

#### Blessing

*(All reverently bow to the God in each other and extend a blessing, one hand toward the symbolic candles and one toward the gathered community.)*

Leader: May the blessing of our gracious God go before us. May the power of God’s compelling Spirit help us to know the unity that is ours, members of the Dominican family, continuing the journey on this Earth as lovers and proclaimers of the truth. May the rich witness of our ancestors in faith inspire us and aid us in our desire to be blessed and to be a blessing for our Church and our world.

All: AMEN.

### Closing Song: *Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth*

M 6