

# RE-SOURCE

#1 -- February 2 -- May 27, 2023

# WELCOME

## **WELCOME to this new, occasional and experimental, virtual space.**

Once upon a time there was SOURCE, a response to Vatican II's call to religious communities to return to their roots and re-appropriate the values and vision that inspired their founding. For 30 years that periodic publication yielded priceless insights into the richness of the Society's origins and growth between 1846 and 2000. That was then, and this is now.

**Today, February 2, 2023, we offer RE-SOURCE** as a virtual space for creative and forward-looking exploration of what is at the heart of SHCJ life now and into the future. So, it is about our identity, what makes our personal and collective heart "tick," and who we are becoming in this time of epochal change.

The very first line of the SHCJ Constitutions gives us **direction and focus for RE-SOURCE**: "*God has chosen to need men and women in every age to reveal divine love, to make known the reality of the Incarnation*" (Constitutions #1). To support our living of that vision, the 2022 General Chapter called us "to continue to probe our understanding of the Incarnation and its meaning for the Society's ongoing life and mission in concrete ways." (GCE22, p.3)

In this new space, **sisters, associates, and other friends and partners** can probe together the mystery of the Incarnation. As an **occasional space** it will be open from today, February 2 through the Easter time, May 27, 2023. Then, because it is an **experimental space**, suggestions will be invited, adaptations made as needed – all in preparation for the next opening of the space.

**COORDINATORS have been invited** to help us get started. Their responsibility is to encourage and facilitate contributions in accordance with the **GUIDELINES**, review the period of experimentation, and carry out the necessary adjustments. As the

webpage takes shape, there will be the opportunity to suggest future coordinators. The start-up team includes SHCJ and friends\* -- **Alberta Bonle, Mary Ann Buckley, Michelle Dugan,\* Stella Envulu, Mary Hamilton, Patsy McDonald, Angela Rogerson,\* Fatima Yilbial. with Pauline Darby and Carmen Torres for the SLT.**

**Something we have seen, something we have heard ...**" (1John 1) – The mystery of Incarnation is vast and can be seen and touched from many perspectives – theology, spirituality, the arts and humanities, science and social science, as well as reflection on the experiences of everyday living. Vast and varied, yes, but the mystery can be touched, seen and heard, as the apostle John indicates in the first line of his first letter. So, hopes are high that there will be contributions from sisters and friends Society-wide, from many perspectives; they can be creative originals, or borrowed from various sources.

You might share an article or book you read recently, one that opened your eyes in new ways to the depth and breadth of the mystery. Or write a reflection on a recent experience that said "Incarnation" to you. Maybe you found an irresistible phrase or sentence – there will be space for short clippings, too. Offer a poem, or photo, or video, music, dance or art work – your own creation, or someone else's. The formats can vary; **the possibilities are endless, and the Guidelines will help you focus, create and deliver for the good of all!**

**HOW HAS MY UNDERSTANDING OF INCARNATION EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS?**