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**Province of St. Louise – USA Concludes Provincial Meeting, Adopts Corporate Statement**

St. Louis, Missouri—Two-hundred and seventy-four members of the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louise - USA gathered in St. Louis, MO, September 6 – 8 for their Provincial Meeting. Many other members of the Province watched via live web stream from senior Sister residences in Albany, NY; Emmitsburg, MD; Evansville, IN; and St. Louis, MO; as well as from foreign missions as far away as the Cook Islands and Kenya. Focused on the theme “Bearing Fruit for the Mission,” the Sisters prayed, shared, celebrated in the Eucharist, and looked toward the future and how best the Province can respond to the urgent needs of those living in poverty, especially where those needs are not met by other communities, Catholic Charities, or other not-for-profit agencies. Immigration concerns as well as the elimination of trafficked individuals remain areas of great concern for the Province.

During the Meeting, a Corporate Statement about the violence and potential military actions in Syria was introduced. It was adopted by the Province on September 9, 2013.

*Corporate Statement,*

*September 9, 2013*

*In response to the horrific violence in Syria, we the Daughters of Charity of the Province of St Louise-USA, call for a diplomatic and humanitarian intervention in concert with the international community.  We steadfastly oppose a violent response in an already devastated country.*

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