

## On the Contemplative Mission Partners

One of the recommendations at our 2008 meeting, was that the contemplatives would be encouraged to have Contemplative Associates. Since then, as Sr. Jude Ellen, one of our CLT Contemplative Councilor has observed, “they have been flourishing around the world.” In Peru, the sisters and contemplative associates built a chapel so that the people of the area would have a place for worship. The Province of Mid-North America has two groups of associates who are both sources of prayer for the Congregation; one group has its own Constitutions and makes commitments. The other group consists of professional people who continue to learn contemplative prayer and are an inspiration to their families. In Italy and Costa Rica we also have Associates. In New York, a group of parishioners call themselves the Sisters’ *Mission Partners*. They help the Sisters in Connecticut in the Gift Shop especially during their Sales in the Fall. Another small group comes every week for Prayer after which they study *Laudato Si*, for example, or other topics that help body, mind and soul.

All these groups are primarily a prayer presence, and further the Good Shepherd mission by being in union with the apostolic ministries that are flourishing.

This development is *Gift*.



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