

## My hope for Religious Life in this moment of history

Although the circumstances are new, my hope for religious life is as it always has been to witness to the radicality of Christ's call to love our neighbours, and hence to support others as they seek to understand and follow their own call from God. The simple, outward-looking life that we take on through our vows of chastity, poverty and obedience looks much as it has for centuries, modelled as it is on the life of Jesus. The ways we can serve others are always changing in a globalised, technologically focused world. But the heart of our lives remains encounter and love: for our brothers and sisters in community, for those we work for and alongside, and for the whole world that Jesus came to give new life.