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At the October 29, 2009 provincial chapter of the Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians), Province of Chicago, there was much discussion on how best to support U.S. congregations of women religious who are in the midst of a Vatican visitation. Recognizing the valuable contributions they have made in this country, and wanting to applaud their often visionary model of ministry, the chapter offers the following statement of support:

*The Provincial Chapter of the Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians) of the Province of Chicago offers its prayerful support for congregations of women religious in the United States, as well as for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), during the Vatican visitation conducted under the auspices of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.*

*We hold our sisters in great esteem for their dedicated and innovative ministry, their commitment to the challenges of a Vatican II Church, and their fidelity to their particular charisms.*

*We urge the entire Church to support these faith-filled women in their efforts to serve the Church and the world.*

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