**SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME de NAMUR-EAST WEST PROVINCE, USA**

**Reflection: congruence congregation charism & tradition with LSAP**

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have always known their Foundress St. Julie Billiart as one who delighted in seeing the Goodness of God in all creation and all creatures. She encouraged her daughters to seek out and affirm the Goodness of God in others and in themselves.

This legacy has made the sisters in the last years especially aware of the need to pay more attention to the cries of Mother Earth and of those among the human family made ever poorer. Pope Francis’ highlighting the imminent threat and urgency of climate change for the Earth, our Common Home, and her people has struck a deep chord among us. Members feel the urgency to seek out how they might join with others across the world to address this existential threat by promoting the LSAP Goals.

*Sources: Acts of General Chapter 2021; reports of Circles of Conversation, March 2022.*