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The Charism of CSA provides me with a spiritual template to understand, embrace, and hold Sacred Space for the spirit and soul work. I was introduced to CSA while earning my bachelor's degree at Marian College. During that time, I came into daily relationship with the Sisters of St. Agnes who infused and wove the Charism of CSA into the education at Marian, the professors who guided my learning and challenged me, the people who were employed in all positions at the college, and the students whom I interacted with in classes and as a resident assistant. In graduating from Marian with an elementary education degree, my fellow graduates and I were invited to embody CSA values and share them with family, friends, colleagues in our profession, and those we met along our journey.

As I moved on from Marian, my various ministries have created a beautiful tapestry of color, texture, and design in my life. In the nine years after graduation, I taught middle school social studies and language arts, coached cross country, and purchased my own home. Upon meeting my husband, John, I moved into another chapter of life. This fall, we will celebrate 20 years of marriage with the blessings of our sons, Joseph and Luke.

Over the past twenty years, I have incorporated my educational background into substitute teaching at a handful of school districts. In addition, I've had the privilege to serve as the art and environment coordinator and book group facilitator at our church, parent teacher association president and Lego League coach in our sons' school, and coordinate community events and grief support in our rural area. I have certifications in Servant Leadership and the Art of Spiritual Companionship. As an apprentice of lifelong learning, I am passionate about understanding myself, in order to offer empathy, grace-filled inquiry, compassionate companionship, and wisdom to those who are seeking and searching during the ups and downs in life.

I am... grateful and blessed by the mutuality of the CSA Sisters and Associates who model a welcoming, warm, and real presence of our Creator.

I am... grateful and blessed by my family, friends, and companions on the journey who mirror discernment and the wholeness of God.

I am... grateful and blessed to engage with and live the Charism of CSA with creativity, color, and calling forth the Divine in ALL.

I am curious... What is the Charism of CSA inviting each of us to contemplate and live in our present reality?