

One Spirit~One Call Service
September 26, 2010

Opening Prayer

Led by Sr. Kathleen Stupfel, SNJM

We praise you and thank you Loving Creator and Sustainer of our Universe.
We thank you for all the gifts you bestow upon our planet earth.
We thank you for the gifts you give to women.
We thank you for calling women to various ministries.
Today we come to stand in solidarity with all women, honoring their gifts and callings,
especially with those called to leadership positions.
We pray for the transformation of our Catholic Church so that women will be supported
in their various callings.
We thank the women who have been courageous enough to follow their deepest call at
the present time.
With all these women we invite everyone to pray with Mary —

My soul proclaims God's greatness
And my spirit rejoices in my savior.
For God has recognized my lowliness as handmaid.
Behold, for henceforth all generations
Will call me blessed because the Almighty
Has done great things for me,
The One whose name is holy,
The One whose mercy extends
From generation to generation to all
Who live in awe of God.
God has shown strength
And scattered the proud in the
Imagination of their hearts,
Put down the powerful from their thrones
Lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things,
And sent the rich away empty.
God has nurtured servant Israel, remembering to be merciful
As the Merciful One spoke
To our fathers and mothers,
To Abraham and Sarah, and their posterity forever.
Amen.