**Prior’s Report**

**May 2019-September 2020**

What follows is a brief summary of some of the projects I have undertaken and/or activities engaged in since my appointment last year.

Terminology – I agree with Abbot David that gender-based titles are not as significant as they once were, so going forward my title will be Prior. It does not change my role.

Activities – In 2019-2020 I supported 3 members in initial formation. I also participated as a member of Council and served as Clerk of Council.

Leave of Absence – In May 2020 I was named a Postulant for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Kansas. At that time, I requested and was granted a 6-month Leave of Absence so I could focus on my studies and get back in the swing of academia. I returned briefly in August to assist when Abbot David needed an unexpected month away. I will be resuming my LOA after this meeting and will return in January 2021.

Projects looking forward – Abbot David and I have discussed the following projects for 2021. All 3 were previously approved but put on hold in June. Volunteers will be sought for the 2 working groups after the first of the year.

* Beginning in January 2021, members in Annual Vows will send me their twice-yearly reports. I will also be their point of contact within the community for general questions and concerns that cannot be answered by their subject matter experts.
* A working group of no more than 5 members will be formed to review and possibly revamp our concept of Oblation and their valuable role within our community. I would like to have at least 2 current Oblates as part of this group.
* A working group of no more than 5 members, both vowed and Oblate, will be formed to review and possibly recommend revisions to our *Rituale* (booklet of transition rites)

Convocation – Assuming we are able to resume some type of regional or National/International in-person gatherings in 2021, I will continue to be the primary coordinator. I will be looking for assistance with some of the administrative tasks and will seek volunteers as those situations arise.

I will be happy to go into detail or answer questions at Chapter.

Respectfully,

Sr. Martha