

December 2020
Creating “New Wineskins for New Wine”

To better proclaim Jesus, it is essential to assess our current practices in community with our Sisters in order to determine with them the need to adopt “new wineskins” of life-giving structures. (Capitular Acts 2019 p. 31)

1. I beg for the Grace of openness to welcome the “new wineskins” in my life of consecration.

2. I read the text from Luke 5: 37-39:

³⁷ Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined. ³⁸ Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins. ³⁹ [And] no one who has been drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

- I become aware of my inner stirrings as I pray over the Gospel passage taking to heart the line/s or word/s that catch my attention. I pray over these to discern God’s message for me.
- What is God’s invitation to me today? What are the “new wineskins” in my life of consecration?

3. I read and pray over Capitular Acts pp. 31-32.

- With an open, humble, and honest heart, I ask myself, “How am I living my life of consecration, communion, and mission?”
- Considering my present assignment and context of our community, I assess our current practices together with my Sisters. Which of these practices are no longer life-giving?
- I pray fervently asking the Spirit to guide me and my community: Which “new wineskins” of life-giving structures do we the need to adopt? How?

I consider these questions and talk about them with the Lord.

4. Christ in the “new wine”—*the living God, ever present, ever new!* He brings newness in my life and in the Church. As a community, we promise to pray and to faithfully respond to God’s invitation to welcome the “new wineskins” in our life of consecration that Jesus may come in our lives and be proclaimed to all.
5. **Points for Sharing:** I share “newness” in the area of: consecration, communion, and mission. Propose at least two (2) concrete “newness” in the area of: consecration, communion, and mission that we can adopt as a community.