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Chapter 2023 Direction Statement

*Strengthening right relationships within and beyond the Congregation
is an integral part of our charism and living the mission.*

As Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, we are rooted in the Gospel and energized by our charism of unifying love. Attentive to the needs of creation and the human family, we acknowledge the serious challenges of our time. With the entire community of Joseph, with all others who share our mission and charism, and through our collaborations and partnerships, we strive to be a healing presence in our world.

We commit ourselves to exploring the following:

- ♥ *What if we live our mission and charism more deeply for the Life of the World?*
- ♥ *What if we deepen our relationship with God through prayer and the transformation that occurs when we consciously engage with others and creation?*
- ♥ *What if we celebrate and more intentionally live our gifts of presence, prayer, and relationships?*
- ♥ *What if we develop the knowledge and practices needed to foster inclusion, honor diversity and enhance communication within the Congregation and beyond?*
- ♥ *What if we name and attempt to resolve personal and communal challenges that keep us from being in right relationship and fully living our mission and charism?*

We will listen with courage to the urgings of the Spirit and dare to say yes.





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Chapter 2023 Direction Statement on Governance

In light of our changing realities, we desire to move into an uncertain future with openness and trust in the Spirit.

Committed to shared responsibility for shaping our life and a mission-conscious future, we will explore new governance structures and processes for collaboration, communication, dialogue, and consultation.

To assist in accomplishing these goals, we commission a Governance Task Force to assess, study, and evaluate current and alternative governance models. As appropriate, the Task Force will engage with and make recommendations to the Congregation.

