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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Most of you may not have known this, but I have been in the process of writing a book for the past 2 years. This adventure began at the request of several employees whom I work with at St. Mary's Medical Center.

While serving in my role as Chaplain and now as Director of Mission Integration, I have written and continue to write Daily Reflections and Prayers which go out via e-mail each morning, Gathering Prayers for staff meetings, seasonal prayers and various other prayers for staff and others to use. I have been encouraged to consider putting these in a book, so the journey toward doing this began. As of this week, the book has been printed and is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Outskirts Press (the publisher). I want to share this news with you today. I have one of the first copies in my hands right now. This is pretty exciting. It has been a rigorous and challenging learning experience going through the process of completing the book. It has been fun and rewarding to finally accomplish.

In case you might be interested, the title is Daily We Seek You. The ISBN # is 978-1-4327-8165-1. The book has 220 pages. The publisher is Outskirts Press, Denver CO.

The back of the cover gives an introduction:

Renew Your Life Refresh Your Spirit

This book includes inspirational reflections and prayers for every day of the year. It also includes prayers for significant times along life's journey, and seasonal prayers to share with family and friends. You will feel refreshed and renewed as you use these prayers each day.

When the first shipment arrives, the book will be available to purchase also in St. Mary's Gift Shop. Any profits, after publishing and printing costs, will go 50% to St. Mary's Care of the Poor Fund and 50% to Sisters of St. Francis Ministries.

Sister Barbara Piller (Congregational Minister, Oldenburg Franciscans), Bishop Gettelfinger, one of our physicians, and a nurse director all wrote recommendations for the book to be published. Their statements are in the Forward of the book.

Blessings!

Sister Jane McConnell, OSF