**Religious Community Research Project**

**Goal:** You will create a PowerPoint, display board, or movie that meets the specific requirements below as outlined by your teacher.

**Materials Needed:**

* Internet access
* For a display board project, you will need a tri-fold display board, color printer, glue, scissors, and items to decorate your display board.
* For a technology project you will need access to PowerPoint or a movie app

1. Select a religious community from the following website: <http://cmswr.org/member-communities>. *(If this link does not work, try to copy and paste into the browser.)* Make sure the community you have chosen has an independent website where you can access information for your project. The list below gives some examples of communities with independent websites.

1. Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: <http://www.ascjus.org/>
2. Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm: <http://www.carmelitesisters.com/>
3. Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles: <http://www.carmelitesistersocd.com/>
4. Congregation of Norbertine Sisters: <http://www.congregationofnorbertinesisters.org/>
5. Daughters of St. Paul: <http://daughtersofstpaul.com/Who-We-Are>
6. Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist: <https://www.sistersofmary.org/>
7. Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia: <http://www.nashvilledominican.org/>
8. Franciscan Sisters T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother: <http://www.franciscansisterstor.org/>
9. Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist: <http://www.fsecommunity.org/>
10. Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus: <http://www.handmaidsoftheheartofjesus.com/index.html>
11. Little Sisters of the Poor: <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org/>
12. Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan: <http://www.rsmofalma.org/>
13. School Sisters of Christ the King: <http://www.cksisters.org/Pages/default.aspx>
14. Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara: <http://www.ssvmusa.org/>
15. Sisters of Life: <http://www.sistersoflife.org/>
16. Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyrs of St. George: <https://altonfranciscans.org/>
17. Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker: <http://www.ssjw.org/>

2. You will need to include at least three facts under the four characteristics of religious life. The following information will help guide your research. Please use complete sentences in presenting your information.

1. Community:
	* Name of the religious community
	* Main Location (city, state)
	* Founder of the order/community and information about their history
	* Do they have a motto? What does it mean?
2. Prayer:
	* How do the sisters pray?
	* Is there a certain prayer schedule? What is it?
	* Do they have any special devotions?
3. Work/Apostolate:
	* What work to the sisters do? How do they serve the Church?
	* Where do they serve?
4. Vows:
	* What vows do the sisters take?
	* Information about stages of formation (For example, when a young woman enters the convent, what stages does she go through?)
	* What are the requirements for entering the community?

\*\*\*You may choose to add other interesting information you have found (for example, the symbolism of their habit, vocation stories, etc)\*\*\*

3. Please include at least four photos that relate to your research project.

4. General expectations:

* All information must be in complete sentences.
* All information must be typed.
* The project must be neat and clean.
* Please use correct spelling and punctuation.
* Please use clear headings and sub points.

5. The teacher may choose to have a “Vocation Fair” where students display their work and present it to people who visit the fair (open to the whole school, to their class, to a younger group of students, etc).