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As a CSJ Associate, Trustee of the Jackson-Walnut Park Board, and retired Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs of Regis College, an abundance of reflections emerge as I consider how I am “impelled by God’s inclusive love.” I believe that it is going where life leads us, reaching out to the “dear neighbor” and sharing in times of joy and sorrow, love and grief in supportive, ever-widening circles – the “Magis” with a spirit of excellence tempered by gentleness, peace, and joy!

I am impelled by God’s love – the God who first loved me into being and who, in turn, draws me to live our CSJ charism of unity and reconciliation by connecting neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God. I do this in ordinary ways – by paying close attention, listening deeply, reflecting, and responding to what God is doing now in me and in others whether associates, CSJs, family, neighbors, faith community, strangers, or partners in ministry. Everyone and everything is interconnected. May we continue finding the Holy Spirit in the gentle, whispering breeze, going with open hearts and minds into the future where God is calling to us, asking with Mary Oliver, “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”