

## **Our Fellow Travelers – *companions on the journey***

- Hymn:** “We Walk By Faith” BB # 463 verses 1 and 2
- Voice 1:** Our journey of faith through life is not undertaken in isolation.
- Voice 2:** We are in the company of others from whom we can learn much and who help us on the way.
- Voice 3:** We are a pilgrim people. We don’t know what awaits us, we don’t know the end results of our efforts, and we walk by faith.
- Voice 4:** Our journey is an adventure. Lord, shed Your light upon the mysteries of life; help us to find joy and fulfilment as we travel.
- Voice 5:** Lord, give us courage and forgiveness for our sins.
- Voice 6:** Lord, be our hope when we waver and doubt. Good Shepherd, guide our footsteps when we feel that we have lost our way.
- Voice 7:** We are a motley crew, Lord. Some of us like to pray most of the time, others are curious, while others are the caregivers, some folks are here for the party, others like to be efficient and get things done, some are happy, others are grumblers who find fault with everything; Lord, walk with us, help us to be tolerant of each other and to discover each one’s gifts.
- Voice 8:** Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, guide us as we wander from the truth, bring us back safely so that we may “do whatever He tells us”.
- Voice 9:** Holy Spirit of love, some of us want to slow down, to stay safe, not to change things too quickly; enlighten us that we may see God’s hand in new directions, may we be brave as we step forward.
- Voice 10:** Lord, may our diversity and the variety of our challenges be an attraction to other Catholic women to walk with us as League members.
- Voice 11:** Lord, may we be seen as a welcoming people, not distracted by too much formality or stiff rules and regulations.
- Voice 12:** Lord, help us to be tolerant of one another. We come from different backgrounds and cultures; we have disparate views and diverse ways of acting, help us to get along with each other.
- Voice 13:** Lord, bless us with understanding and mutual acceptance, even when disagreement remains.
- Voice 14:** Compassionate God, wash away any prejudice or bigotry that may exist between us, it has no place in Your kingdom.

- Voice 15:** Yes Lord, we are brothers and sisters, fellow travelers on the same journey. We are truly a pilgrim people.
- Voice 16:** God, the Father of all, show us how to be on the side of the poorest, the disadvantaged and the oppressed.
- Voice 17:** Help us to see Lord, that people need others to help them along. In particular, the sick, elderly, and disabled people, and those who are weakest, they need our encouragement, care and support.
- Voice 18:** God of Justice, may we not get discouraged by the enormity of the tasks at hand!
- Voice 19:** Lord, we have done all we can do in preparation for this convention, we are ready for the adventure! There is so much to explore in our relationship with You as we go forward in faith, take away our timidity and fears. May we know the fullness of life that You promise.
- Voice 20:** Fullness of life, the life that Jesus offers us as His followers, will be possible when we have, like the early pilgrims, a sense of adventure in our quest for God and His kingdom.
- Voice 21:** Yes, but we must remember that the less baggage we carry, then the easier and faster will become our journey. Can we lay aside any excess baggage from our past, from the desire to control or from our unwillingness “to let go and let God”? Lord, give us the courage to discard all that might impede us.
- Voice 22:** Eternal Friend, through prayer and trusted confidences, may we see what is important on the journey.
- Voice 23:** Shepherd of our souls, may we be open to your work in our lives; bless us with the humility to accept our need for You. Help us to trust that You will look after us totally.
- Voice 24:** From the gospel of John (10.1-16) Jesus tells us:  
“I am the gate of the sheepfold...  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture...  
I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.  
I am the Good Shepherd:  
The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep...  
I know my own and my own know me.”  
The Word of the Lord.
- All:** Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn:** “We Walk By Faith” BB # 463 verses 3, 4 and 5

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