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Ralph,

My admiration and respect for the Sisters began when I was a freshman at St. Catherine College, and has only deepened over the years. At the time I was attending St. Kate's many of my professors were Sisters. Then I had the privilege to meet and work with more Sisters while I worked in the St. Catherine Alumnae office.

Topics of what the Sisters were able to instill into us are still being discussed by my classmates and me. We know they made us aware of our being women fully alive, capable and loved by God. The mystery to us is, how did they do this? They did not tell us, they did not make us write about it, we were not even aware of what they were giving us at the time, so we think the answer is, they lived it. That example has help form the women we are today.

The work the ministries have been doing since the mid 1800's has included all people. The social justice aspect of our faith has been a calling for them, from establishing the first schools and hospitals, to the education of women, to caring for the immigrants and disadvantaged. Women who do good, another example of how we are/were meant to live our lives.

I would consider it an honor to join the Foundation Board to assist the Sisters to continue their mission into the future. I am indebted to the Sisters for all they have instilled in me and given to the community in which I live. This is one small way for me to say, "Thank You," to them.

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