**Prayer for a Health Care Leader**

Leaders bring unique gifts to the work of Catholic health ministry. Never working alone, but in concert with many others. Each person, each gift, is important to the whole. Open my mind today to the words of scripture, calling me to see the value I bring to the community of caregivers and to cherish the unique contribution of others with whom I share in this work.

*As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. … If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.* **(**I Corinthians 12:12-14)

Spend a moment of silent reflection recalling the words of St. Paul.

* *What is a unique gift I bring to my work?*
* *Upon whom do I depend each day in order to address the needs of patients, families, others?*
* *For whom am I most thankful in my personal life, in my professional life – those persons who enable me to be at my best?*

And so I pray … God of mercy, I come to you today different and unique, yet one with my colleagues. May we be united in our desire to serve. Give us a share of your Spirit so that our minds and hearts are open to the ways you will speak to us during this day. Give me more trust in the confidence you have placed in my leadership and as a sign of your love and healing for others. Amen.