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Franciscan sisters produce online Advent meditation
Religious orders ministers in archdiocese

December 10, 2009 (OMAHA, NE) – The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, who serve in the Omaha Archdiocese, offer their Advent meditation "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" at http://www.fscc-calledtobe.org on the 'Franciscanized World' vocation page.

Filmed in St. Francis Chapel at its Motherhouse in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the podcast features Sister Winifred on organ, Sister Caritas on xylophone and vocals, Sister Myra Jean on vocals, and Sister Chiara on flute.

"We want to present our life as a viable option," said Sister Julie Ann Sheahan, OSF, the directress of vocations for the Franciscan order. "Personal invitation is always best; however, we are convinced that real conversations can begin by using the language of images and music."

Established in 1869, the Roman Catholic Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity serve in Catholic health care, education and parish ministries throughout the United States.

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