

## Caldwell Dominican SWOT synthesis of the Reflection Circles

<p><b>Guiding principles or Identity statements - We are Dominican women called to....</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Living the four pillars with compassion, perseverance, courage and the promotion of truth</li> <li>❖ Continue to study to proclaim the Truth which is God.</li> <li>❖ Fired by contemplation, we must live and act with our studied truth</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strengths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Awareness of how the Order has changed throughout history and how we need to honor that.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Weaknesses – Internal challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demographics</li> <li>● Resources to advance the mission</li> <li>● Lack of the integration of the Universe Story and our theology</li> </ul>
<p><b>Opportunities (i.e. concrete ideas for situations/needs to address in the world outside the cong)</b></p> <p><b>Internal opportunities (i.e. identified need and response)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Need for greater collaboration with our Associates and lay partners</li> <li>● Have courage to move on to new forms of Dominican life which include the four pillars and collaboration on many levels</li> <li>● Make use of resources to advance the mission especially mass communication</li> </ul>
<p><b>Threats - what might hinder us?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> <li>○</li> </ul>
<p><b>Challenges (internal suggestions??)</b></p> <p>✓</p>

### Comments/Observations on the process:

- Missing information:
  - Demographics of the African Congregation
  - More concrete information about the role of Associates in leadership
  - Identification of the sampling of the sisters surveyed