



Why are records kept in archives, why do historians write histories if the what, the how, the whom and the why are not meant to be interpreted in order to make meaning of all that has happened? It is obvious to me that preachers, archivists and historians continue to search for a larger pulpit because we are, despite the diversity in our job descriptions, we are always about interpretation. Because of the archives, because of the histories already written, the records already kept, there are still stories, artifacts, records, pieces of truth, interpretations still to be found, cataloged, recorded, written and published. There are still homilies to be preached and histories of the future to be written. We must always keep searching for the larger pulpit together. It is called collaboration. It is at the very heart of what it means to be family. When I speak about collaboration I use a metaphor: DANCING! Dancing can help us be realistic about collaboration. Some



It is not possible for us to talk about our charism without talking about our mission. Recently we have been graced with the insights of our brother Bruno Cadore.

has found a parable to work with and the seed that once was Parable seems about to bud in what used to be a green house when I went to college here.

And finally cherished Janet, I cannot thank you enough, for your transparent vulnerability, your wise and prudent witness, your courageous and fun loving spirit, your longing for a larger pulpit. The tradition of In Our Keeping gives all of us gusto and the reality of this year's conference gives us such hope.