Dear Friends,

2017 was a tumultuous year, but as I’ve reflected, I’ve realized that there is much to celebrate at NETWORK! This past year affirmed for us that staying focused on our mission provides some stability in chaotic times. This two-page annual report — the first in recent memory — gives us an opportunity to share and celebrate our successes. I hope you enjoy it!

We learned that our Mend the Gaps strategy is a gift when it is difficult to know how to proceed because everything seems to be up for grabs. Our clarion call was the fight to protect the Affordable Care Act, but even on legislation like the Tax Bill, the faith community’s voice was heard on all fronts. Together, we were a powerhouse of effective advocacy in the districts and states, in the media, on the phones. Your fierce commitment made our impact possible. THANK YOU!

In 2017, we also made significant progress analyzing income and wealth disparity, in particular how people of color are disproportionately affected by our nation’s policies. This past year made me more aware that the pinnacle of white privilege is being able to turn our eyes away from our nation’s original sin of racism. Moving forward, we are prepared to stay focused and nimble in our advocacy to dismantle structures of white supremacy.

We know there is still significant work to be done and we are facing even more challenging times. As you read this year’s annual report, please remember YOU are NETWORK’s biggest asset as you communicate with your members of Congress, talk to your friends about Catholic Social Justice, and support NETWORK financially. We are grateful that together we have made a difference — and I am counting on you for what lies ahead. Well done, good and faithful!

Blessings,
A Sister-Spirit welcome to the 1,002 new NETWORK Lobby donors in 2017!

24 Bread & Roses Society
People who included NETWORK in their estate planning

2,071 Loyalty Society
People who have given consecutively for 5 years or more

351 GEMs
People who participate in the Giving Every Month program

3,531 million emails sent to NETWORK supporters

55,000+ calls made to Members of Congress, including:
- 25,131 calls on Healthcare
- 10,064 calls on Tax
- 10,007 calls on Immigration

66,767 followers on social media (Facebook and Twitter) including 5,827 NEW followers

121,594 people visited www.networklobby.org and viewed our webpages 420,575 times

41 press releases disseminated

86 blogs published

459 lobby visits on Capitol Hill

27 Capitol Hill / D.C. press conferences, events, rallies

262 attendees of NETWORK webinars

50 people participated in state advocate teams or councils in three states

7,151 signed the Nuns Letter to all 100 Senate offices on Healthcare

Our Agenda
WE REMAIN FOCUSED ON MENDING THE GAPS

- Mending the Wealth and Income Gap
  - Tax Justice
  - Living Wages
  - Family-Friendly Workplaces

- Mending the Access Gaps
  - Democracy
  - Healthcare
  - Citizenship
  - Housing