

Let Us Pray Together

*In preparation for the celebration on April 18, 2026,
to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Venerable Cornelia Connelly
and launch the new initiative of the Holy Child Collaborative*

Call to Prayer —

The Society of the Holy Child celebrates April 18th as one of its special feast days. In 1879, Cornelia Connelly, ready to begin her new life eternally with Christ, died at St. Leonards in England, on that date. Reflecting on her seventy years, we sense that Cornelia lived a life that she could never have imagined. With each turn in the journey, Cornelia's response was always openness, "Yes, Lord, always Yes."

This year, the American Province of the Society, together with many lay partners and friends, will be launching a new initiative. The Holy Child Collaborative is intended to be a unifying structure, an interwoven community of lay partners and SHCJ Sisters, grounded in the Gospel to ensure that the spirit and mission of the Society continue to flourish for the good of many others.

We invite all our collaborators to enter into the spirit of the occasion by praying this scriptural verse together with all those whose lives have been touched by Cornelia's generous openness to God working in and through her.



Food for thought throughout the day —

As you go through this day, think about what is emerging as new in your life — a personal dawning, the promise of life that Easter brings us, the arrival of Spring ...

What does it mean to you to pray: "See, I am doing something new?"

To fully embrace something new, what graces do you desire?

What graces do you ask for the new Holy Child Collaborative?

Closing Prayer —

**Glory be to God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**