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entrusted to you.
Let it be your
treasure.”

St. Mary Euphrasia Letter 130





- Abundance, fruitfulness, transformation
- Patience
- Connection to Earth
- Life cycle: bud, growth, dormancy, rebud

**Vineyards
need
Vinedressers**

Vinedressers



- See things whole
- Faithful, patience, hopeful
- Study conditions and trends
- Fruitfulness over efficiency
- Prune, graft, give way
- See the future in the present and the past
- Nothing is lost

Visionaries



- See things as they are and imagine what can be
- Stand in the present and look to the future
- Render a picture of the future, rooted in the present
- Anticipate and innovate, inspire and create



CONTINUITY

+

INNOVATION =

VISION

“If you look with your eyes,
you will see relics of the past.

You must have vision.

You must be willing to imagine what does
not yet exist then be willing to believe
that it one day might.”

Brianna Wiest



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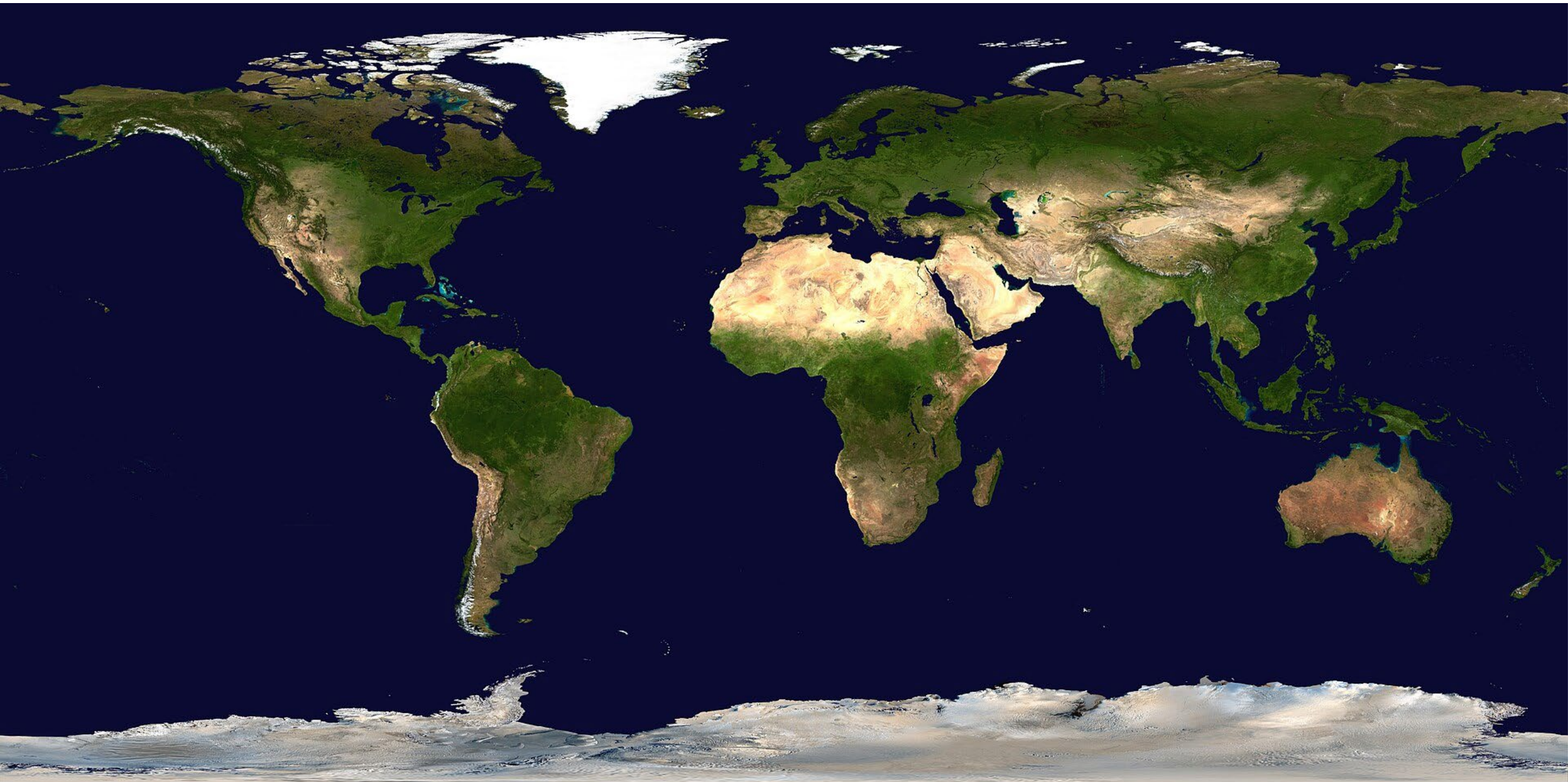
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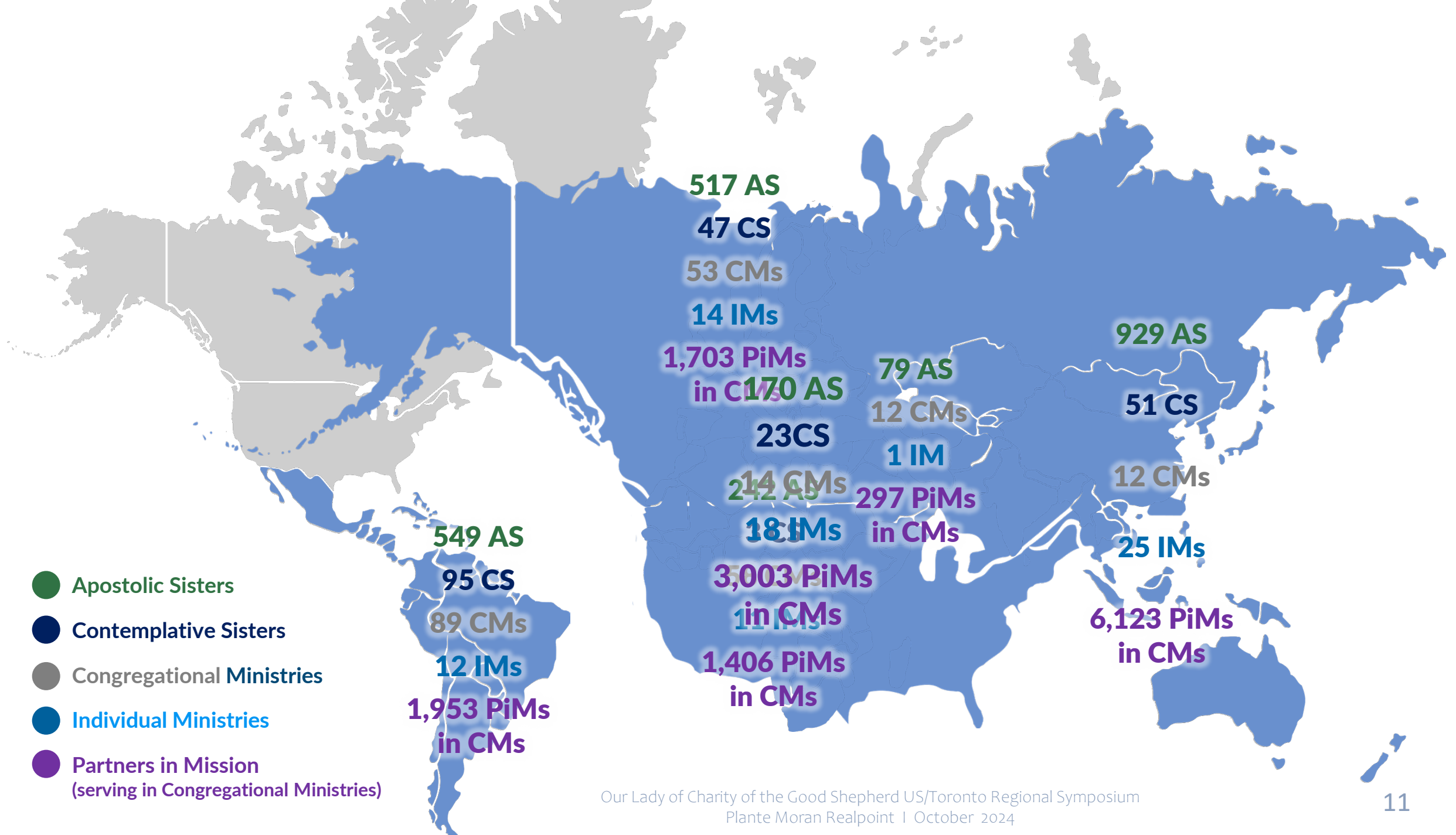
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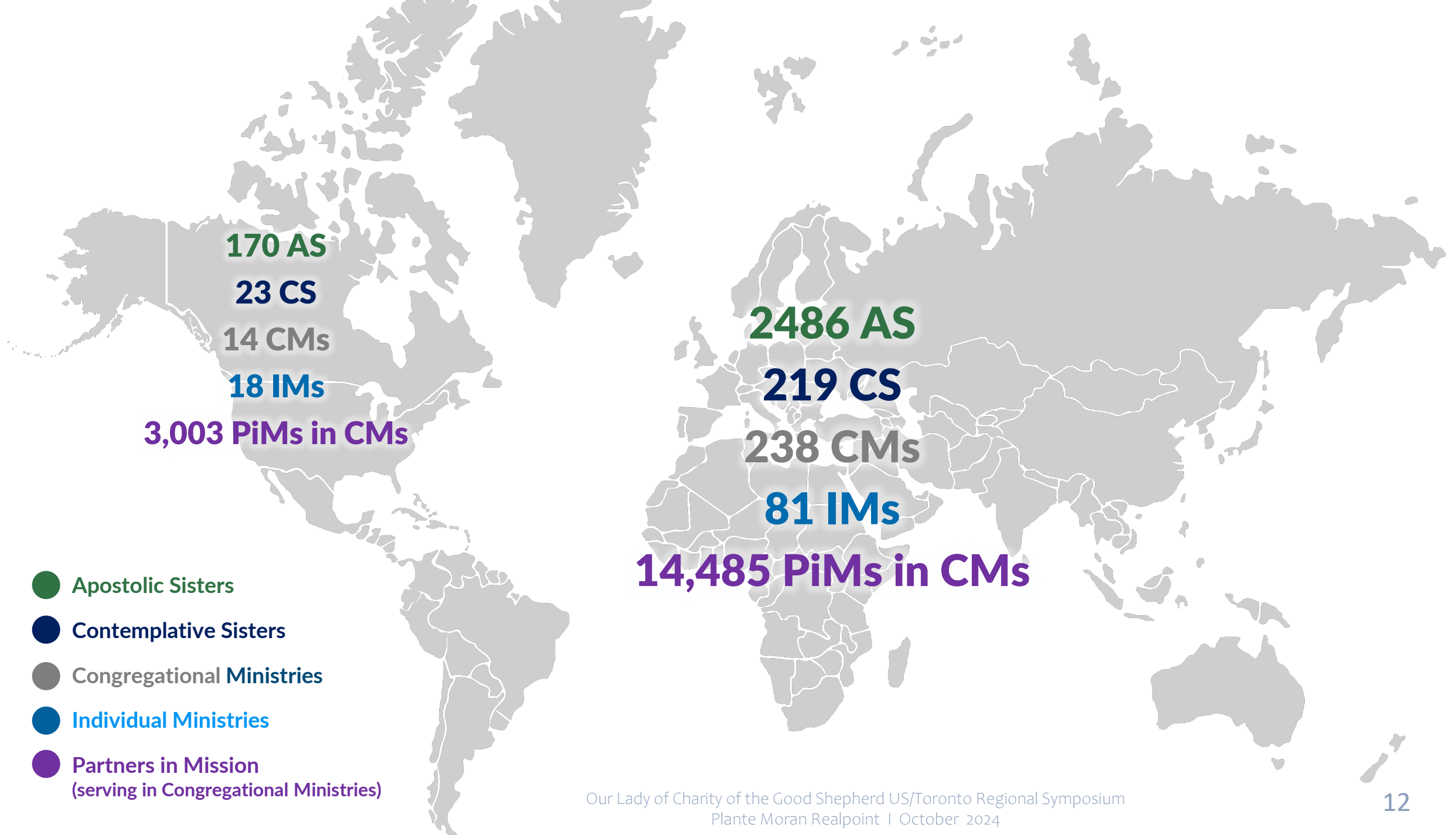
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Quiet Pause





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Reflect

What image, word or phrase captured your attention? Why?

What do you want to spend more time reflecting on?

For Discussion:

- Consider that you carry the spirits of John Eudes and Mary Euphrasia and all the Sisters and Partners who have gone before you. In what ways do you see the Good Shepherd charism alive in you?
- What does it mean to you to “carefully cultivate the vineyard entrusted to you?” What energizes you about that? What challenges you about that?

For Discussion and Large Group Sharing:

- Consider that building universal culture of justice is John’s and Mary’s vision for our time.

In what ways can your new region help to shape that culture both within the Congregation and beyond?
What could that mean for your daily life? for your prayer and ministry?
For the use of regional resources?