

*We easily get caught up in the concerns of our daily day to day, our immediate reality.  
It helps, often, to remember that we are part of a much wider, much deeper network - a global network.*

*So, I invite you to close your eyes and imagine yourself in some particular corner of the international Society:*

*Maybe it's a dusty road in Spain,  
The local high school in your hometown,  
A retreat house in the woods.  
A virtual global call.  
Plant yourself somewhere particular.*

*The work of the Society takes many hands, and so we are part of a great cloud of witnesses.  
Fill the place you have imagined with faces you have encountered across the network:  
Jesuit preachers and teachers,  
Colleagues lay and in formation,  
Students past and present,  
Friends near and far.  
Fill the space with those who share our work.*

*Now look around at the place you have imagined.  
What are you grateful for?  
Look around and the crowd you have assembled.  
What is it that this group needs?*

*Good and gracious God,  
For all that was - "thank you."  
For all that will be - "yes."*

*All in your name, we pray...*

*~Cappy Russell*