

## **A LITANY TO HONOR OUTLIERS**

**We walk in the company of children,**

Vulnerable but resilient, full of wonder and of radical trust

**We walk in the company of mothers,**

Who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, and to heal

**We walk in the company of fathers,**

Who resist despair, have courage to hope, and grit to press forward

**We walk in the company of Harriet Tubman,**

Whose work and legacy of escaping slavery and freeing others who were enslaved started when her family was going to be sold and broken apart

**We walk in the company of St. Maximilian Kolbe,**

Who refused to sign a document recognizing him as a German citizen and gave sanctuary to 2000 Jewish refugees hiding from persecution during WWII.

**We walk in the company of St. Frances Cabrini,**

Who followed the flow of immigrant families in the United States and founded schools and hospitals to assist them

**We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene,**

Who wept at an empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared

Amen.