

## **Prayer in celebration of Cornelia Connelly**

We thank you , O God, for the rich legacy from Cornelia  
which we share.

Her openness to God's will in her life,  
Her founding of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus,

Her love of God through the mystery of the Incarnation,  
Her simplicity and humility that led her to take the Holy Child as her model for  
the Society and the schools,

Her breadth of vision,  
Her innovative educational philosophy,

Her trust in God,  
Her trust in each child,

Her trust in each of us as stewards of this Holy Child Spirit,

Her love of the Church,  
Her belief in the dignity of each person,

Her love of beauty,  
Her spirit of adventure,

Her courageous zeal,  
Her desire for us to be all that God wants us to be,  
Her acceptance of suffering in her life,

Her spirit of joy.  
Her listening heart.

Amen