

**Sister Sue** Artone-Fricke arrived to us as a Secular Franciscan and after careful consideration of the options before her. Prior to entering, she held jobs in bookkeeping, accounting and was a Jesuit Volunteer. Sue entered Sacred Heart Province in 1984 from Tucson and completed studies in religious life, theology and Franciscan spirituality by 1988. She pursued studies in accounting and earned a Bachelor of Science in Professional Accounting in 1990 from Regis College in Denver. She worked for a local private accounting firm for a few years and made her final vows in 1992.

Sister Sue next accepted a position at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque to work in accounting at the Health Sciences Center for a couple years before she was called back to Denver to assist with accounting for Marycrest Convent and Sacred Heart Province. At that time, she pursued more studies at Regis University where she earned a Master of Nonprofit Management by the end of 1997.

In 1998, Sister Sue was appointed provincial treasurer and chief financial officer for Sacred Heart Province. Over the years she has overseen the bookkeeping and accounting for the province, its ministries, and sisters. She has also served on various province committees and worked continually on long-range planning for the province to reflect the diminishing number of Sisters and scale of ministries. This has included selling the majority of the Marycrest land in 2012 to its next stewards, Marycrest Land LLC which is operated by Urban Ventures and Perry-Rose. Sister Sue also oversaw the demolition of Queen of Peace Convent on the Marycrest property in 2008, and in 2009, the construction in its place of Casa Chiara, which was designed to house sisters and provincial offices after the closing of Queen of Peace and the former Marycrest Motherhouse.

From 1998-2009, Sister Sue served on the board of directors of Marycrest Assisted Living, and as its board president from 2002-2004. Marycrest Assisted Living serves people with low income and also those with physical-ability challenges. It was built on the site of the former Marycrest High School which closed in 1989, and eventually demolished 1996.

Sister Sue has served other religious congregations as a financial consultant, board member and on committees for NRRO, National Religious Retirement Office, and NATRI, which became RCRI, Resource Center for Religious Institutes. Sister Sue served as a board member for Franciscan Initiatives, which oversaw new ministry initiatives for Sacred Heart Province, and Earthlinks-Colorado, which serves people who experience homelessness. Sister Sue served as a trustee for Christian Brothers Religious Comprehensive Trust, which was renamed Religious Medical Trust. Sister Sue also

served as a trustee for St. Francis Province Charitable Trust which provided for the retirement needs of its sisters.

In 2011, Sister Sue became a certified agent of conscious evolution and in 2015, she became certified as a mentor of HeartMath©. Although she has studied Enneagram since 1984, Sister Sue became a certified Riso-Hudson Enneagram trainer in 2016. She also has studied Nonviolent Communication© by Marshall Rosenberg, and Emergence – The Shift from Ego to Essence, by Barbara Marx Hubbard.

In 2014, Sister Sue started a nonprofit ministry with Sister Patty Podhaisky, called **Soul Spring**, which offers workshops, programs and one-on-one sessions for people seeking personal and spiritual growth in order to make positive contributions of self to the community and world around them. Soul Spring teaches Enneagram, Compassionate Communication, and Emergence – The Shift from Ego to Essence.

As of 2017, Sister Sue's official title for the province changed to financial manager and assistant treasurer so that another sister could become equipped as treasurer to oversee the finances of the province.

July 2022, Sister Sue was elected Community Minister.

She plays guitar and enjoys music, reading, cooking, walking, camping, animals, and learning.

Sue lives the call of Mahatma Gandhi to “be the change we seek,” and of Eckhart Tolle to “create a space for transformation to happen, for love and grace to enter.” She continually blesses – touches heart to heart with care – all people on this planet we share, praying, “Let us experience others and ourselves as profoundly loved by the Beloved All That Is” to make a positive difference. ❤️

