

Prior to entering Sisters of St. Francis of Sacred Heart Province in 1984, Susan Artone-Fricke was a Secular Franciscan and Jesuit Volunteer, also working for years in bookkeeping. After entering, she studied religious life, theology, and the lives and spirituality of Francis of Assisi and Magdalen Damen. Sister Sue made first vows in 1987 and went on to study liberal arts, earning a bachelor's degree in professional accounting.

Sister Sue worked as an accountant in public accounting and the nonprofit sector. After completing her master's degree in nonprofit management, she became chief financial officer for Sacred Heart Province in 1998, overseeing the business of the province until 2022 when she was elected community/provincial minister. Sister Sue has also served on various province committees and worked continually on long-range planning for the province.

Sister Sue is a past financial consultant for religious communities in the USA and continues to serve on various nonprofit boards. She has studied Nonviolent Communication by Marshall Rosenberg, and Emergence – The Shift from Ego to Essence, by Barbara Marx Hubbard. She is a certified Agent of Conscious Evolution, a certified mentor of HeartMath, and a certified Riso-Hudson Enneagram trainer.

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

