



FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SACRED HEART PROVINCE
NEWS BRIEF

SACRED HEART PROVINCE – SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
OFFICE IS TEMPORARIALY CLOSED

However, the staff will continue to serve you via their home space.
You may contact them directly via email or their cell phones.

If you need any additional information, please contact
Donna Kroll
donnakroll@franciscanway.org or 720-456-1170.

Be assured of our prayers for you during this time.



MESSAGE FROM SR. RITA CAMMACK AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Dear Sisters & Associates,

In this time of great turmoil, we sometimes have very little we can do, yet, we can offer the world our prayer! Attached is a letter to all the sisters and associates throughout our congregation inviting us to pray together. Please know you are in our constant prayer. Blessings on you and those you care for, work with, love and hold during this time of crisis. If possible, we'd like you to join the other religious in the world in prayer on Sunday, March 22 ... but whenever this goes out ... it doesn't expire!

Pace bene!

Your Sisters, Rita, Dorce, Vera, Isabella and Pacifica

P.S. Also attached is a communication from UISG with a wonderful prayer. It is also available in 4 languages:

<http://www.internationalunionsuperiorsgeneral.org/march-22-day-worldwide-solidarity-prayer/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE SOULS:

- Our congregational sisters who have died in 2019 (list attached), 2020, and those who will be called home soon.
- For our world - those who have died recently, especially those who have died as a result of the coronavirus.

LCWR

Below is a prayer and attached is a newsletter from LCWR.



"How might our prayers and intentions be joined across congregations for the common good of the whole Earth community to help lift the spirits of a people, especially in the wake of closed churches, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship? What would happen if elder Catholic sisters ... were to unleash the power of their lifetime of prayer and contemplative practice to hold the safety and protection of all peoples across the world as a sacred intention?"

-- from "A Call to Spiritual Bonding," by Elise D. García, OP

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM DAYNA

(valuable information from Janet Gwinn, SFP)

Medicare just announced that in order to keep social distancing they are loosening their regulations allowing for easier access in connecting with your physician by using computers, phones, iPads, etc. This is brand new and so it may take a bit for doctors' offices to get up to speed but when/if it is possible it could be very helpful.

This service is not limited to the Covid-19 visits but all medical visits. Consider calling your physician's office first to see if he or she can provide this service.

Here are two links that will give you more details.

Frequently asked Questions:

<https://edit.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-telehealth-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-31720.pdf>

Medicare and Coronavirus updates:

<https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus#500>

HELPFUL INFO ABOUT SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please read the attached article from the New York Times. It gives concise, clear descriptions of the terms social distancing, shelter in place, self-monitoring, self-quarantine, self-isolation, and official or mandatory quarantine. *(Thanks to Sister Maureen Sinnott and Janet Gwinn, SFP, for forwarding this material.)*

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Attached is a guide to help you understand the differences between **allergies, cold, strep, flu and COVID-19** and help to put your mind more at ease before going to the doctor.

2019 COMMUNITY REPORTING:

It's that time of year ... to update our records and reflect on the 2019 year's activities! Please email your community reports and chronicles to Donna Kroll at DonnaK@Franciscanway.org by April 15, 2020. If you have any questions, contact Donna. As always, your assistance and support are greatly appreciated!

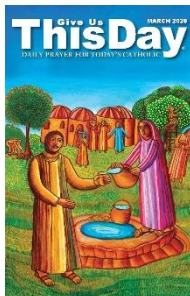


SHP PROVINCIAL CHAPTER:

Sisters, please continue to **SAVE THE DATES** for our Provincial Chapter **June 7-14, 2020**, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs, CO.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER - CANCELS ALL MASSES:

Due to the coronavirus, "the bishops of the three dioceses of Colorado have announced that all public Masses have been canceled, effective immediately. This includes daily Masses. Parishes offices will remain open for now. NOTE: When Mass is unavailable, the Catholic faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation." For more information: <https://www.archden.org/coronavirus/>



FREE-GIVE US THIS DAY

As we all navigate through uncharted times, please know that Liturgical Press is open (albeit many working remotely) for your questions and concerns. **They are providing free access to a digital file for Give Us This Day, which includes the daily Mass texts.** Go to: <https://giveusthisday.org/free> While it is not a replacement for community worship, we hope this resource will provide support for the challenges ahead.

FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY AND MIGRANTS:

Attached is a letter to Attorney General Barr from the Justice Conference of Women of Religious and Leadership Conference of Woman regarding the federal death penalty and migrants.

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

- ~~March 22-23:~~ Alliance, NE CANCELLED
- ~~March 30-April 2:~~ LCWR, Atchison, KS CANCELLED
- April 13-14: Council Meeting, Denver, CO
- April 15-18: Retreat
- ~~April 20-23:~~ LCWR, Dallas, TX CANCELLED
- May 1-3: SHP Jubilee, Alliance, NE
- May 6-7: Council Meeting, Denver, CO
- May 28-29: Council Meeting, Denver, CO
- June 5-6: Provincial Pre-Chapter Prep, Colorado, Springs
- June 7-14: Provincial Chapter, Colorado Springs, CO