



FRIDAY, SDAY, APRIL 17, 2020
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SACRED HEART PROVINCE
NEWS BRIEF

May Jesus' resurrection become a celebration of victory against COVID-19.

EARTH DAY - 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
APRIL 22ND AND ALL WEEK

Dear Franciscans and Friends,

“With all creation we praise the Christ Lord.” The Earth Care Committee wants to give you resources (listed below) to celebrate and honor the important 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si. At the last General Chapter in October 2019, the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity passed this recommendation: *“In the spirit of ecological conversion we commit ourselves to the sustainability of our planet especially at this time of climate crisis.”*



- Spiritual Resource from Catholic Climate Covenant: a 20-minute video of education about Climate Change Globally and a prayer for Earth Day 2020 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_umVeme93U
- Comprehensive Educational/Event Resources: Denver Alliance for Sustainability's comprehensive calendar for April 18th - April 25th with multiply links for each day: <https://www.thealliancecenter.org/earthweek/#tab-id-1>

A group of environmentalists from Colorado and around the world have worked for eight months to make the 50th Earth Day Anniversary a special event in this critical time for the climate. COVID-19 came upon them and motivating them, more, to address the climate crisis. So, everything was made virtual in the last month and the calendar has about 30 links to educational events during Earth Week. Enjoy! Be Safe!!!

- Colorado Earth Day Virtual Participation on April 22, 2020. Register at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/colorado-digital-earth-day/>

Earthcare Committees

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER – RESCHEDULED:

Due to the coronavirus's affect and safety of our sisters, facilitators, retreatant, and staff, we have officially **RESCHEDULED** our PROVINCIAL CHAPTER to **Sunday, September 27, 2020 – Sunday, October 4, 2020** at the DoubleTree, Westminster, CO.



FIVE-WISHES:

Sisters, please **RETURN** your **UPDATED Five Wishes** form to Sr. Sarah Manchester, asap. Please US-mail them to the office since we are on a limited in-office schedule. *(Thank you to those who already returned them.)*

PANDEMIC 2020 UPDATE - PART IV:

The General Council has asked the Congregation to contribute a glimpse of how the global health care crisis is affecting various provinces. Attached is Part IV from Sacred Heart Province, Sr. Leandra Schaller, to the inquiries of the General Council.

Marita Hoffart, Minot Associate, reports from North Dakota that COVID-19 is very similar to what was written about Nebraska and Colorado. North Dakota has 13 patients with the coronavirus in hospitals, 9 have died, and 150 have recovered. They are staying home and there is talk about perhaps opening some businesses in the next few weeks, based on testing, etc.

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 as soon as possible. If you need a date extension or have questions, please contact Donna. As always, your assistance and support are greatly appreciated!



SHP JUBILEE CELEBRATION – POSTPONED:

Sacred Heart Provinces' annual May jubilee celebration, which is normally held in Alliance, Nebraska, has been postponed. Stay tuned for a later date announcement.

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

April 13-14	Council Meeting
April 20 @ 9-12	Council Meeting
Apr 29 @ 9-11	Zoom: Spring Conversations w Facilitators
May 6-7	Council Meeting
May 12 @ 9-11	Zoom: Spring & Summer Conversations w Facilitators
May 28-29	Council Meeting

June 22-23	Council Meeting
July 28-29	Council Meeting
July 6-7	Personal
July ???	Zoom: Summer Conversations w Facilitators
August 8 ?	Jubilee Celebration, Alliance, NE (Leandra & Alicia)
August 11-14	LCWR in Dallas, TX
August 24-25	Council Meetings
September ?	Zoom w Facilitators
September 14-15	Council Meeting
September 25-26	Pre-chapter Meetings, Westminster, CO
September 27-October 4	Provincial Chapter 2020 Meetings, Westminster, CO

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.

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