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SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
NEWS BRIEF

Artist: Sr. Sen Nguyen

*Sacred Heart Province – Feast Day
Celebrating 82 years!*

Message from Sr.Sarah:

This Friday, we celebrate the feast day for our province, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It also commemorates America's *real* Independence day, June 19th, 1865 -- when more than 250,000 enslaved people in Texas learned that they had gained their freedom through the Emancipation Proclamation two years after it was signed.

And this culminating this week of Juneteenth, organizers for racial justice are holding a weekend of powerful action to ensure that we live up to our ideals of democracy, justice, and equity -- and call for an end to systems that brutalize and punish Black people.

In support of this movement for racial justice in our country, we publish this statement by the North American Provinces of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. We also invite all our members to share this statement widely, for example, in parish bulletins, in newsletters, local papers, places of work...

We, the Sisters and Associates of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in the three North American provinces support and stand with the peaceful actions of all of those who are working for the BLACK LIVES MATTER movement and all who work for racial justice.

We are appalled by the recent murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery and all of those who have suffered from systemic racism since before the inception of the United States of America.

As Franciscans, we are called by our charism to be “a sign of contradiction to forces of power, greed and hatred.” (GC1)

We pledge by concrete prayers, words and actions to address racism “thus becoming a sign of hope to a struggling world.” (GC3)

In addition, we invite all our members to participate as we can in the demonstrations for racial justice, occurring this weekend throughout the country In particular we urge participation with Network Catholic Sisters' Lobby in the nation-wide digital march this Saturday. *Sr. Sarah Manchester*



RISE UP WITH NETWORK AND THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Register Now for the Digital Justice Gathering

COVID-19 has caused an unprecedented emergency in our nation. But our current situation is also the result of a deeper and older crisis -- the crisis of systemic inequality that has ignored the needs of 140 million people experiencing poverty in the U.S. for hundreds of years.

We know it is immoral and unjust that families and individuals are experiencing poverty every day here in the United States when we have enough resources to care for all in our nation. That's why NETWORK is proud to join the Poor People's Campaign as a mobilizing partner for the **Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington *Digital Justice Gathering*** on June 20, 2020. Together, we will mend the gaps in our nation and rise up for the common good.

[Register now for the June 20, 2020 Digital Gathering!](#)

Thousands of people across the nation are joining the Poor People's Campaign to confront racism, poverty, climate change and ecological devastation, militarism and the war economy, and religious nationalism. Naming these injustices is the first step toward creating an economy of inclusion and mending the gaps in our nation. **With your participation, we will make sure the needs of the 140 million poor & low-income people across our nation are heard across the internet and the airwaves.**

In the midst of a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, and more, the key to real and lasting change lies within our communities -- in our ability to come together in new and bold ways. **[Join NETWORK and the Poor People's Campaign by registering for June 20, 2020.](#)**

To learn more about the Poor People's Campaign, visit: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org.

On June 20, we raise our voices for justice together!

FEAST DAY GREETINGS:

Attached and below are SHP Feast Day greetings from our sister provinces. Enjoy!

- *Dear Sisters of Sacred Heart Province, wish you all a blessed feast. We are praying for all of you. Love S Margie and all the sisters of Sr. Clare mission!!*
- *Dear Sister Sarah! I am delighted with the prophetic testimony of our sisters in the United States in support of all those who work for justice and especially at this time against racism. Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He is pure and unconditional love. He welcomes everyone and always. Our witness in this world is to extend and offer the love of Jesus to all without distinction. Congratulations on your life and witness to God's goodness and love. HAPPY FEAST DAY! Many greetings. (see attached). Sr. Vera Lucia Konzen*

PRAYER REQUEST:

Dear Sisters, This is just a brief note – to let you know about S. Dilsa. As the Mission is a Congregational mission, and all of you have been praying for Dilsa, and I wanted to just give you a brief update:

First, please continue your prayers for S. Dilsa. After a great deal of talking with many, many people, S. Mônica, S. Dilsa's Provincial Minister, was able to get flights for Dilsa to return home! Thank you so much S. Monica for all your efforts! What a blessing!

S. Inga, one of Dilsa's sisters from Brazil traveled to Tanzania and helped her get back to Porto Alegre! Alleluia!!! S. Margie and her sisters helped Dilsa in amazing ways during these past weeks as she dealt with this medical situation.

Unfortunately, the trip back to Brazil was very difficult and her condition worsened a great deal. (But she had a number of guardian angels with her on the trip, especially from Addis Ababa – both S. Inga, and angels of the kind that have other medical experience – doctors!)

*Dilsa is currently in the Intensive Care unit in Porto Alegre and will be having surgery on Tuesday. Please pray for her, her communities (in Brazil and Tanzania) and her family, during this time.
Thank you!*

Peace and all good! Sr. Rita Cammack, OSF

(This is not a normal situation. Rarely would I give a medical update on a sister like this – but S. Dilsa asked for prayers from the very beginning...and was not hesitant to let people know what was going on!)

MARIAN RESIDENCE ADMINISTRATION:

Jenny Setter is back doing what she loves ... nursing and tending to our Marian Residence sisters! Jenny is now, Senior LPN. Everyone is happy that Jenny is back to hands-on at the nurses' station! Sandra Larson has been hired to assume the position as Executive Director at Marian Residence. Sandra joined Marian Residence on Monday, June 15th.

UPDATE ON PALENQUE CLINIC!

Greetings to all three of you during this tumultuous Pentecost days . . . truly, the "right" conditions under which the Spirit of Ruah arrives to "recreate the face of the earth." Hope each of you are doing well.

I am forwarding you some information that our Administrative Consultant, Suzie Nixon, put together as part of our accountability report for the use of funds we have received from Raskob Foundation for our St. Claire Family Clinic. We received \$20,000. from them. Reading over the work that Suzie did made me think that maybe you would like to see this and know of our progress because you and your Province have been so instrumental in bringing all of this forward. There are no words of gratitude and look forward to sending you pictures of the faces of our people when we open up! We will let their faces express our gratitude!

I will be sending you more information on our progress. Rejoice with us and receive our profound gratitude for you part in this incredible dream come true!!

I will try to continue to keep you posted!

Take care and stay safe. Much love from Connie, our Sisters in Palenque and from me! Connie and I hope to return to Palenque sometime later this month, if all goes well.

(attached is the Raskob Foundation Report on Grant to Purchase Clinic 2020)

ALERT!!! KEEP STORMING HEAVEN!!

(Update on Clinic-in-a-Can from Sister Maria Elena Martinez)

The Clinic-in-a-Can containers (all eleven of them) reached the Port of Houston and are now being detained because Mexico will not receive them without a certain permission we do not have. The steamship trip from Houston to Port Progreso, Merida was cancelled. Claudia Sierra, Interim Director of our Clinic, has been working on that permit but Offices in Mexico are closed due to the rise of Covid-19 cases in Mexico.

With a lot of help (and anxiety) we were able to find a place at the Port of Houston to store them ... with a price tag, of course. In the meantime, Pablo Bravo, Associate, is in communication with CommonSpirit and Maria Elena with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in Houston (Christus). Both healthcare systems have knowledge and experience with International shipments of medical supplies. While the clock ticks, the price tag goes up.

In the midst of this we maintain a spirit of confidence, thanks to your prayers, that this will be resolved. We hope to give you good news soon!

Also attached is the Raskob Foundation Report on Grant to Purchase Clinic 2020.

LEADERSHIP DISCERNMENT:

Sisters, during this time, we ask that the Holy Spirit guide you in your INDIVIDUAL DISCERNMENT for future leadership. Your response is due to Donna Kroll by **Friday, June 19th**.

DONNA KROLL'S SCHEDULE:

June 26, 2020 Vacation

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

June 22-23	Council Meeting
June 25	Zoom: Summer Conversations w Facilitators
July 1-2	Personal
July 28-29	Council Meeting
July ???	Zoom: Summer Conversations w Facilitators
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