



**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020**

SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS  
NEWS BRIEF

**DISCERNMENT AFFIRMATION:**

Sisters, your packet was mailed out this week that list the names of the sisters who were raised up for leadership, along with a list of their gifts. Please send three of those sisters your personal affirmation letter by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**STATEMENT ON RACISM:**

Last week's announcement (and repeated below) on racism was comprised from the sisters of three North American Provinces.

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)***

**EARTHQUAKE IN PALENQUE -- CONTACT WITH OUR SISTERS THERE**

Sister Maria Elena Martinez writes:

*There was a 7.4 earthquake yesterday, June 23rd, in Palenque, Chiapas at 8:30 a.m. The epicenter was in our neighboring state of Oaxaca. Our Sisters texted us immediately to let us know of the quake. They are fine but very shaken. Our house is standing, no buildings fell. There continues to be an uneasiness about aftershocks, but when we called again in the evening the Sisters said there have not been any aftershocks, but the fear is there. From what we know now there are 4 dead in Oaxaca but actual numbers will probably not be reported until later. Our Sisters in Palenque have checked to make sure they have flashlights and other supplies ready in case of any further activities.*

*Thank you for praying for their safety and well being and that of the people affected in Oaxaca as well as most of southern Mexico.*

Message from our Sisters in Palenque, in response to an email sent to them by Sister Mary Litell:

*Greetings from Palenque, Sister Mary. It (the earthquake) took us by surprise. It was 7.1 in Chiapas. In Mexico City it was 7.5 but with the grace of God we are well and the men who are working on the construction here are also well. Thank you for your prayers for the people of Mexico and for us.*

*We send you sisterly greetings, Your Sisters lety, Mica, Ilse and Candy.*

### **PRAYER REQUEST:**

*We thank the Sisters of the Congregation for the prayers and the love they expressed to Sr. Dilsa. She is still in the Intensive Care Unit, recovering from the surgery which was performed on June 16th. She has the prospect of going to the room in the next few days. During the surgery, it was not possible to remove the entire tumor. From the biopsy results, it has been recommended radiotherapy and chemotherapy. According to the medical diagnosis, Sister Dilsa's health condition is severe and inspires care. We continue to trust in the Good and Provident God, and we ask the sisters to continue prayers. With gratitude and trust, greetings of Peace and Good, Sister Monica de Azevedo (Brazil)*

For the safety of our Chiapas sisters and those affected in Mexico from the effects and aftermath of the earthquake.

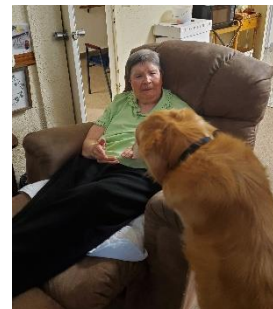
### **HISTORY OF ST. AGNES ACADEMY – BOOK?:**

Sr. Coronata Manion compiled a 282-page History of St. Agnes Academy for years 1908 to 1989, which the alumni was offered to purchase from the Alumni Fund managed at Marian Residence in 2004. Should anyone have an extra copy and would be willing to donate it to the Sacred Heart Province Archives, we would be very grateful. Please contact Holly Fiedler at [HollyF@Franciscanway.org](mailto:HollyF@Franciscanway.org) or 303-458-6270 x112.



### **MARIAN RESIDENCE - INTRODUCING ...**

Introducing ... **Sandy Larson** and her companion **Buddy**, who is now buddy to the sisters at Marian Residence, too! Sandra is the new Executive Director at Marian Residence.



**FEAST DAY GREETINGS:**

Attached are more SHP Feast Day (June 19<sup>th</sup>) greetings from our sister provinces. Enjoy!

**DONNA KROLL'S SCHEDULE:**

June 26, 2020                      Vacation

**SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:**

June 25	Zoom: Summer Conversations w Facilitators
July 1-2	Personal
July 23	Zoom: Chapter Prep w Facilitators
July 28-29	Council Meeting
August 11-14	LCWR Online
August 19	Zoom; Chapter Prep w Facilitators
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