



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

**SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
NEWS BRIEF**

• Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2020.

EARTHCARE:

SEASON OF CREATION – WEEK 3

“Climate change is making life tough for hummingbirds. Nectar makes up 90% of their diet, and their migration patterns closely match the blooming of certain plants. As the climate warms, nectar blooms are occurring earlier, forcing the birds to alter their journeys. And because they need to feed almost constantly to keep their little hearts beating, they have no time to sit out the increasingly hot afternoons in parts of their range. If they cannot keep feeding, they'll die. And the plants they pollinate will suffer, as well.” *EarthBeat*



Action: Remove earth warming carbon by planting a tree. Sr. Maureen Murphy, originally from a farm near Stewart, Nebraska, said her father planted a tree every year because trees are damaged and die. Sr. Maureen gives as gifts for graduations, weddings, holidays, or tributes to a person a tree through the excellent work of the Arbor Foundation. See <https://www.arborday.org/>. By following her example and for about \$100, you can give 17 give-a- tree cards (that is, planting 17 trees for Mother Earth) to family members and friends.. A person can also help other places like Brazil, Haiti, California, Nebraska, etc. with their tree needs.

LCWR – SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES:

If you are seeking a liturgical resource for the Season of Creation, check out the link below. This beautiful booklet (also attached) offers complete prayer services for each of the five Sundays of the Season of Creation, plus suggested musical offerings. You can obtain a free copy by going to this link <https://www.dominicancenter.org/season-of-creation-jubilee-time-for-earth/>.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS – PREP!

Through the years, Catholic Climate Covenant has posted great program guides in conjunction with the Feast of St. Francis. Over the next few weeks leading to the actual feast day, we will be sharing a guide a week. This week we share the 2017 program guide (attached). The following week's news briefs will contain years leading up to the 2020 program guide for this year's feast day on October 4, 2020. During the month of October, we will continue to post articles from 2015-2012.



We hope you enjoy these great articles through the next two months. You can also go to: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/feast-st-francis?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=0968c0cd-827b-4e11-af8e-fb5bf7b9b770>

CHAPTER OF MATS – GATHERING OF SISTERS AND ASSOCIATES:

We are happy to announce that our Sisters of St. Francis - **Chapter of Mats for all sisters and associates in the three US provinces** is underway! This event will be held from **August 27-30, 2021**, in Stella Niagara, NY! Please return your registration form (also attached) to Donna Kroll via email, US-mail, or fax by **September 30, 2020**. Thank you and we look forward to gathering with you!



ADDRESS UPDATE:

Sr. Margaret Elizabeth (Liz) Fuhr would like all future email correspondence to go to mefuhr@franciscanway.org

NEWSLETTERS:

- Glance, August 2020

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

- September 10 Zoom w Facilitators
- September 14-15 Council Meeting
- October 15-16 Council Meeting
- November 23-24 Council Meeting
- December 16-17 Council Meeting
- May 28-20 Pre-Chapter Planning
- May 30-June 6 XVIII Provincial Chapter