



SACRED HEART PROVINCE

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

OF PENANCE AND CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Welcomes Karen LeMunyan

October 4, 2020

Sister Gloria: At this time, we will receive Karen LeMunyan as an Associate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. An Associate is a non-vowed person who, while living his or her daily life, is in relationship with the Sisters of St. Francis. An Associate joins us in our desire to respond to the Franciscan call to live a deeper Gospel life as Francis, Clare, and Magdalen did. Through prayer and service to the people of God, Sisters and Associates strive to make the presence of Christ a more conscious reality in a world cherished by God.

Francis: (Debra Zumbahlen) The brothers and sisters are to love God with their whole heart, their whole soul and mind, with all their strength, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Let them glorify God in all they do. Sent into the world, they should give witness by word and work to God's voice and make known to all that only God is all powerful. From the Rule of the Third Order Regular

Clare: (Therese Dykes) We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the Beloved, and image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others. St. Clare

Mother Magdalen: (Rose Marie George) You are welcome. May God bless your coming; He sent you to me because He knows that I need help. This is not my work. I am entirely incapable either to plan or execute it. God has inspired me to undertake it, and it is God who will take care of it. Words to her first companions

Sister Jane: We invite Karen to collaboration with us as we carry out our mission, striving to deepen our relationship with God, one another, and Christ in the world.

Sister Sarah: Dear Karen, friend of Francis, Clare, and Mother Magdalen, what is it you desire?

Karen: I, Karen LeMunyan, desire to unite myself with the Mission and Spirit of the Sisters of St. Francis. I commit myself to collaborate in the mission of the Sisters by participating in whatever way I can as a member of the Congregation's Associate Community. I make this commitment for two years and call upon God's grace and the prayers of our Sisters and Associates to help me fulfill it.

Sister Sarah: We will support you in your commitment with our prayers and presence to live as instruments of God's peace. Together we will serve God's people and one another with love and compassion.

Presentation of the Tau: Receive the Tau, the sign Francis used to remind himself and you to live with compassion and love in the service of God's people.

Presentation of a Candle: Receive this candle, a sign of the light of Christ which shines through you as you maintain your active ministries in our parish, the Alliance community and with the Sisters at Marian Residence.

Presentation of a Rose: Receive this rose, a sign of Francis's love and respect for all of creation.

Signing of commitment form.

Final Blessing: May God bless and keep you, Karen. May God's face shine upon you. And may God give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

