



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021**  
**SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS**  
NEWS BRIEF

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
*(attached Christmas & New Year's greetings)*



*LCWR issued a statement on January 7, 2021, regarding the tragic events of Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Washington, DC. Please feel free to use this statement as you wish. For example, you may wish to repost it with a preface such as: As members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, we stand with the other more than 1300 leaders of Catholic sisters nationwide as we make this statement:*

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) joins with the world in praying for peace after witnessing the violence and lawlessness on January 6, 2021 in our nation's capital. We are deeply concerned about the state of our country and the future of our democracy. Our hearts ached as we watched these despicable actions that threaten not only to destroy the seat of our government but to rend the bonds that unite us. We commend and thank the members of Congress who courageously continued their service to the nation even amid the chaos.

In our increasingly divided nation, we renew our commitment to the common good and pledge to take up the challenge to use our energy to repair our democracy and contribute to the work of building a more perfect union. We invite all people of good will to join us and we call on our elected leaders to point the way.

The statement is on the LCWR website and on the LCWR Facebook page.

United in our prayer for the world,  
National Office - Leadership Conference of Women Religious

### **GENERALATE DIRECTORIES:**

Attached is the Congregation General Jubilee List for 2021. Sacred Heart Province looks forward to celebrating (hopefully in May 2021!):

- Elizabeth Fuhr, 60 years

Since we were unable to celebrate in 2020 during the pandemic, we will also celebrate:

- Leandra Schaller, 41 years
- Alicia Cuaron, 26 years

### **GOOD NEWS FROM PALENQUE:**

*The following message comes from Sister Maria Elena Martinez*

*As of 6:00 p.m. on December 29, nine of the eleven Clinic-in-a-Can containers were placed on the foundation on our property in Palenque. The drivers, security escorts, crane managers and many other participants in the project worked for 13 hours, starting at 5:00 a.m. In order for the containers to enter into our property, part of the exterior wall had to be torn down and trees had to be cut. One of the semi-trucks broke down. In spite of all the setbacks, everyone was excited, happy with progress, exhausted from the work and cheering each other on!*

*The neighborhood we live in is called “Nuevo Belen” . . . new Bethlehem. What took place today in our neighborhood with the containers was a fulfillment, a birth, giving meaning to the name. Thank you for accompanying us with your prayers, good wishes, and joy. We received messages from our sisters in the Netherlands, our Generalate in Rome, and sisters and associates across the United States. WE ARE ONE HEART.*

*We also want to let you know that Sr. Mica’s brother, Juan, continues in critical condition in the hospital with COVID-19, on a ventilator. Mica informed us today that another brother who lives with Juan in Los Angeles, has tested positive, although his symptoms are mild. He is in quarantine. His wife is three-months pregnant. Mica has assured her family that we are with them in prayer and spirit.*

\* Below is a sampling of pictures showing the containers and the process of arrival at the property.



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### **TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:**

In summary, basic tips are: Be yourself (that is, be comfortable with the other). Interact with them as the full humans they are. Ask them if unsure. Rid accessibility barriers. Make it simpler for all. Learn appropriate etiquette. Let them use their full potential. Treat their disability as a strength which it is. *Submitted by Sr. Liz Fuhr*

**PRAYERS FOR THE RESPOSE SOUL OF:**

Sister M. Owen Doody of the Stella Niagara Health Center Community, died on December 23, 2020. She was born in Buffalo, New York on April 6, 1928 and was professed at Stella Niagara on August 18, 1949.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:**

Sister Margie Wolfe will be traveling home to Tanzania from Stella Niagara on December 28th. Please keep Sister Margie in your prayers for safe travel as she embarks on this long journey.

For our sisters who are ill and the intentions of our Provinces/Communities, and Missions. (see attached)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Interprovincial 2021 Birthday Calendar
- HNP-All Around the Province, December 2020
- Glance, November 2020

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

- December 20-22 Alliance – Marian Residence Visit
- December 21 LCWR Virtual Meeting
- December 28 Sisters Zoom Chat
- December 29 Provincials meeting
- January 6-7 Council Meetings
- January 20 Virtual Interprovincial Meeting #1
- January 25-29 Virtual Visit to Palenque Community
- January 25 Sisters Zoom Chat
- February 8-9 Council Meetings
- February 10-12 Alliance – Marian Residence Visit
- February 17 Virtual Interprovincial Meeting #2
- February 22 Sisters Zoom Chat
- March 1 & 2 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Investors Meetings on Zoom
- March 8 9:00 am Council meetings
- March 17 Interprovincial Meeting #3
- March 22 Sisters Zoom Chat

- April 15-17 (or 19-21) LCWR Region XIII
- May 1 Jubilee in Alliance
- May 10-11 Council Meetings
- May 28- June 6 Provincial Chapter 2021
- June 14 Transition Council Meeting