



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021**  
**SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS**  
NEWS BRIEF

**GLANCE INVITATION FROM GENERAL COUNCIL:**

*Dear Sisters and Associates ... invited to learn about and possibly write in our Glance about”*

*... We reverence and care for Mother Earth, our common home . . .*

(see attached 2 letters for more details)

*From Srs. Rita, Dirce, Pacyfica, Vera, and Isabella (General Council)*

**WE NEED  
YOU!**



Sisters, please help and share the responsibility of writing a brief greeting for one of our feast days listed below. These greetings are usually only a paragraph. They are distributed to our sisters, associates, and other provincial councils. Please contact Donna Kroll within the next week to schedule your preference. Donna will also help with layout, design, and distribution. Thank you!

- ✓ February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine’s Day (TY Sr. Sue!)
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day
- ✓ June 11<sup>th</sup> SHP’s Feast Day (TY Sr. Liz!)
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Mother Magdalen’s Name

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

For our congregational sisters’ prayer request. (see attached)

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

- Associate Theresa Martin, died July 5, 2019
- Associate Ann Keller, died April 30, 2020
- Sister Leandra Schaller, Guadalupe Community Minister

### **EQUAL JUSTICE:**

On the website for Equal Justice <https://calendar.eji.org/racial-injustice/jan/27> , they post for each day of the year a story of racism that occurred on that date. It is very powerful. It is immoral that racism is still a part of our legal, police, justice, education, and housing systems.

### **PALENQUE UPDATE:**

- **Sister Maria Elena Martinez shares this most recent news:**  
During the last two weeks of January a Clinic in a Can crew of four journeyed from Wichita, Kansas to Palenque to put the final touches on the 11 containers – and within ten days the containers were transformed into a clinic! The units were hooked up to the utility and water connections, all medical equipment and furniture were secured to the floors and walls, solar panels were placed on the roof and all sorts of final cosmetic touches were made. The transformation was like magic! The men worked tirelessly from early morning to night.

Of course, there were the usual challenges, adjustments, and issues to be solved at the last minute, but they did it! Claudia Sierra (Interim Clinic Director) was not able to be present due to her contagious COVID condition, but she sent two of her team members who assisted with the oversight and kept Claudia informed of the progress. The sisters of Palenque provided splendid hospitality that included delicious and nutritious meals that kept everyone working hard.

This Clinic in a Can project was completed thanks to so many local people who made it possible. The men who transported the containers from the Port in Merida to Palenque, the men who worked the large crane that lifted the containers onto the prepared foundation, the City Police and Patrol who escorted the 11 containers through the streets of Palenque, the women who came to clean the interior of the containers, local laborers who provided strong hands ... ALL of them became a community as they transformed 11 containers into a magnificent clinic! They were amazed, saying, “We have

never seen anything like this! There are still good people in the world who care about us.”

Below are some pictures for you to view, appreciating the immensity and wonder of this project that has now become a reality. Thank you for being part of this, for your encouragement and belief that this could happen ... for this was God’s work and God provided!



- **Blessings for their Journey:**

On February 4, 2020, **Sisters Consuelo and Maria Elena** left to return to Palenque, Chiapas. After almost 11 months of waiting with patience in the present moment of each day during these COVID days, Consuelo was grateful to be able to return home. They feel fortified by the vaccine shots and the blessing of your guardian angel accompaniment for their journey. Sr. Maria Elena will return within 10 days. They pray that they stay safe and well. Three of our sisters in Palenque, **Lety, Mica and Candi** are requesting your intercessions on February 8th when they are scheduled to have an in-person interview for the renewal of their Visa at the US Embassy in Merida, Yucatan. Their 10-year Visa expired last year and, due to COVID,

offices have been closed. We pray that their journey be safe, their interviews go well, and that Visas be renewed so that we can continue to welcome their presence at our in-person gatherings in the post-COVID-future!

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

- 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 & 8 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Investors Meetings on Zoom
- March 8 9:00 am Council meetings
- March 22 Sisters Zoom Chat
- April 12-13 Council Meetings
- 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