



**APRIL 16, 2021**  
**SHP-SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS**  
NEWS BRIEF

**ALL THINGS FRANCISCAN:**

April 16th is an important day for Franciscans around the world who renew their commitment, in imitation of St. Francis, who made his profession into the hands of Pope Innocent III on this day.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE SOUL OF:**

Jim Witte (Leonard James), who died on March 31, 2021. Jim was brother to SHP's Srs. Monica and Muriel. His services were held on April 8, 2021, and he was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Dallas Center, Iowa. His obituary is available at <https://www.ilesfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Leonard-James-Jim-Witte/Waukee-IA/1886438>

Sr. M. Julia Katharina Gerigk, who died on April 10, 2021. She was born on July 1, 1932 and professed on February 11, 1957. Sr. Julia was a member of Christ the King Province, in Lüdinghausen, Germany.

Sr. M. Ancelma Sri Yuli Susiyant, of Jakarta-Indonesia died on April 15, 2021. She was born on July 02, 1968 and was professed on February 04, 1993. Sr. Ancelma was member of Matraman Community, Most Holy Trinity Province, Indonesia.

Toni Baltizar-Rheinheimer (Donna Kroll's friend), who died on April 12, 2021, at the age of 49. Toni fought ... fought ... fought and lost her 11-year battle with cancer.

Greg Kroll (Donna's brother-in-law), who died on April 14, 2021, at the age of 55. Greg had a kidney transplant 30 years ago and recovered from health issues along the way, until Merkle cancer swept through his body fast.

***Thank you to all for your prayers and support.  
May all these souls rest in peace.***

**MORE - SISTER SISTERS AND SISTER SIBLINGS:**

April 10th was Sibling Day! In honor of our blood sisters and Sister siblings, Holly wanted to share pictures of siblings in our province. (Now, including the Miller sisters.) If anyone else was missed ... please contact Holly Fiedler, Province Archivist at [hollyf@franciscanway.org](mailto:hollyf@franciscanway.org)

**2021 FRANCISCAN ZOOM LECTURE SERIES #8:**

*(Prior lectures available on YouTube Channel "FST EDU1")*

**INTO GOD: The Other Side of the Tapestry**

**April 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m. PST**

By Dr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap.

This presentation will look at the challenges of translating Bonaventure's text (Itinerarium Mentis in Deum), opening up its treasures, tracing its Franciscan character, and exciting new readers.

Register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-AktxbXkp8QDbzQDqAXD2A7aYIAPIpvMAjnYwiEZWbCLi7g/viewform>



**EARTH DAY:**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. A time to make promises of action to care for the Earth for the future generations.

**NEW WEBSITE:**

**MINISTRY OF THE ARTS- SPONSORED BY CONGREGATION OF ST. JOSEPH:**

The Ministry of the Arts is rising to new life! Aware of the power of the arts to heal, beautify, transform consciousness, and aware of the world's need for these gifts, they are thrilled to freely share their artistic gifts (visual, poetic, musical) through our NEW digital Ministry of the Arts! Check them out at <https://www.ministryofthearts.org/> . Also, see attached for more details.

**SISTERS, SAVE THE DATES:**

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm, Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Gabe Uhlein & Alice Drewek via ZOOM
- April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm, Sisters' Chat via ZOOM
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm, Sisters' Chat via ZOOM
- MM/DD/2022, Reschedule Provincial Chapter
- August 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am, Mass for Sr. Karen McCrory, Holy Family Church

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

- April 12-13 Council Meetings
- April 19-21 LCWR Region XIII
- April 26 Sisters Zoom Chat
- May 10-11 Council Meetings
- May 24 Sister's Zoom Chat
- 2022 Provincial Chapter (Postponed until 2022)