

SACRED HEART PROVINCE
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

NEWS BRIEF

October 22, 2021



HISTORICAL MOMENT!

This is a historic moment in the Province of Divine Providence, and within the Congregation, **as a sister from another province is elected Provincial Minister**. It was with the words “I thank you for your trust. With the support of the Sisters, the help of God and Mother Magdalen and the ‘little girl HOPE’...with my whole heart I say Yes,” that Sister Katharina, a member of Christ the King Province, Lüdinghausen, Germany, accepted this election. (See attached for more information and the official announcement.) Congratulations to Province of Divine Providence’s new Provincial Council!

Provincial Minister: S. Katharina Kluitmann
Profession Date: February 2, 1993
Birth Date: December 28, 1964

First Councillor: S. Marie-Claire Vogt
Profession Date: August 5, 1966
Birth Date: November 5, 1940

Councillor: S. Elisa Ackermans
Profession Date: August 5, 1952
Birth Date: November 18, 1931

HOPE: A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE, UNDER HEAVEN

Attached is a beautiful article written by Rebecca Ann Gemma, OP-LCWR President-Elect.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Associate Vaughn Smith, who lives in Arnold, California. Vaughn and her husband, Rod, we're the very first associates in the Midwest province. Von is having a corneal transplant in the next week. Since her home in Arnold is at a high elevation, she is going to have to stay at sea level in Modesto for a few days to a few weeks after the surgery. Vaughn says that the surgeon will insert a gas bubble in her eye which needs to slowly dissipate over days and weeks. Please pray for a speedy recovery from the surgery for Vaughn.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RESPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING SOUL:

Lois Anthony, who died on October 10, 2021. She was born on September 21, 1929. Her funeral will be on Friday, November 12, 2021, 11:00 am at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Denver, CO. Lois was Sr. Antonia Anthony's sister-in-law.

EARTHCARE:

Sacred Heart Province is a supporter of Catholic Climate Covenant through our Earthcare committee. Each of us can help the United States to respond proactively at the Glasgow, Scotland Climate summit by signing the two actions below:

1. To urge Congress to act on the Climate Crisis Package
2. To ask President Biden and Congress to act decisively for the climate at the Summit.

Thank you to all who read this and act. You can also forward this message to others. Thank you. Earthcare Committee. For more info Liz Fuhr, mefuhr@franciscanway.org These links below are from <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>

Critical Action Alert! Urge Congress to Act on Climate Crisis through Reconciliation

Though the path of the reconciliation package has obstacles, your support for climate action and environmental justice can resound. It's time for your U.S. senators and representative to hear of your support grounded in our Catholic faith.

Sign the Catholic Climate Petition!

Sign the Catholic Climate Petition today to join your voice with thousands of individuals across the U.S. Catholic community sending a faith-filled appeal to President Biden and Congress to work beyond partisanship and create climate solutions to care for our common home. Sign ahead of COP 26!



CHAPTER OF MATS – AUGUST 26-28, 2022

It's on again! All sisters and associates will have an opportunity to gather at our Interprovincial Chapter of Mats on August 26-28, 2022, in Stella Niagara! More information was mailed to you last week. FYI: Registration will begin in March-April, 2022, to re-register and attend this wonderful event!

MESSAGE FROM LCWR:

LCWR has been working with the Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en América (AHLMA), the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM), the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC), and the Religious Brothers Conference (RBC) to create a one-week program for women and men religious who are serving in direct ministry with persons who are seeking hope as they live with trauma and fear. With the support of a generous grant, 40 religious may participate in this experience of input, reflection, and conversation at a cost of only \$50 per person, plus transportation.

The program will be held from May 15-20, 2022, at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriottsville, Maryland and will be led by Pat Farrell, OSF and Mary Elaine Anderson, IHM in English and Spanish.

Applications for the program must be received by November 15, 2021, and those who have been accepted for participation will be notified by December 7.

Please encourage any member of your congregation whom you think would be interested to apply for the program. More information can be found on the LCWR website.

Rivers of Hope/Rios de Esperanza Pilgrimages

Because of the interest among religious today in being signs of hope in the suffering world, another initiative is being offered that is open to all religious and others who may find this helpful. This initiative is a series of virtual pilgrimages to four US rivers to hear from those ministering with people impacted by some of society's most difficult situations. Presenters will share how they find hope and strength. Opportunities will be provided for prayer and small group conversations.

December 7 – Río Grande – Immigration
January 11 – Mississippi – Climate Change
February 8 – Missouri – Human Trafficking
March 21 – Hudson – Economy, Education, and Racism

Each visit will take place for 90 minutes at 4PM PT, 5PM MT, 6PM CT, 7PM ET

More information is available here as well as registration information so that participants will receive Zoom links. Please share this information with your members and anyone else whom you think would be interested.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you as you encourage your members to consider participating in these programs. Please remember that November 15 is the application deadline for this wonderful opportunity offered at very little cost.

SR. SARAH MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

2021:

- October 16-18 Alliance, NE
- November 1-2 Council Meetings
- November 9-10 LCWR Region XIII Meetings – Atchison
- November 13 ZOOM Reports+ Earthcare
- November 20-22 Alliance, NE
- November 25-December 3 Retreat
- December 6-7 Council Meetings
- December 11 ZOOM Reports+ Cabin
- December 14-16 Alliance, NE

2022:

- January 14-15 Pre-Chapter Sisters' Gathering #3
(or 21-22 bad weather)
- January 17-18 Council Meetings
- February 12 ZOOM Reports+ Associates
- February 15-16 Council Meetings
- March 12 ZOOM Reports+ Province Report
- March 15-16 Council Meetings
- March 22-23 LCWR Region XIII Spring Meetings
(or March 29-30, April 19-20 or 26-27)
- April 7-8 Council Meetings
- April 22-23 Pre-Chapter Sisters' Gathering #4
(or 29-30 bad weather)
- May 7 Jubilee in Alliance
- May 10-11 Council Meetings
- May 14 ZOOM Reports+ Finance & Archives
- June 7-8 Council Meetings
- June 10-11 Tentative-Chapter Sisters Gathering #5
- June 28-29 Council Meeting
- July 8-9 Pre-Chapter Planning:
Provincial Council, General Minister, General
Councilor, Secretary, Facilitators
- July 10-16 Chapter XVIII !