



Friday, May 20, 2022

MARIAN RESIDENCE THANK YOU!

presence in Alliance on May 15. It was a lovely time together with folks from the Alliance community. And a **HUGE thank you** to all who helped with the actual move of sisters. Many hands of staff, friends, and sisters truly made light work! Sr. Paula is happily settled into Serenity Residence at Marycrest Assisted Living in Denver, and Sisters Francesca, Maureen, and Geraldine are settling in at Highland Park Care Center in Alliance. They are delighted to have visitors so feel welcome to stop by and see them sometime. Next steps in the process are to sell the building contents June 3-5 and put the building on the open market after it is appraised in the new few weeks. One day at a time with the grace of God who is so good and provides what we need as we need it. ♥

NEW ADDRESSES:

The sisters from Marian Residence have new address:

- **Sr. Paula Archuleta**, c/o Marycrest Assisted Living-Serenity, 2850 Columbine Road #302, Denver, CO 80221 (May 9, 2022)
- **Sr. Francesca Delgado**, c/o Highland Park Care Center, 1633 Sweetwater Ave #114, Alliance, NE 69301 (May 16, 2022)
- **Sr. Geraldine Clifford**, c/o Highland Park Care Center, 1633 Sweetwater Ave #118, Alliance, NE 69301 (May 19, 2022)
- **Sr. Maureen Murphy**: c/o Highland Park Care Center, 1633 Sweetwater Ave #115, Alliance, NE 69301 (May 18, 2022)

Another one of sisters has temporarily moved for respite care with physical and occupational therapy:

- **Sr. Alicia Cuaron**, c/o Marycrest Assisted Living-Serenity, 2850 Columbine Road #310, Denver, CO 80221 (May 11, 2022)



POTLUCK, MASS & BLESSING OF THE NEW CABIN:

All are invited to eat, celebrate, and bless the new cabin on Sunday, May 29. Come to 107 Divide View, Golden, CO 80403, any time after noon. Barbequed meat will be ready at 4:00. Bring a salad. Mass will be between 5:30 and 6, followed by a ritual blessing of the house. Please RSVP to Sue Artone-Fricke, SueAF@FranciscanWay.org, so space and food can be prepared accordingly.

COVID: ST. FRANCIS PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Dear Sisters, Associates & Friends,

As many of you know, Sisters Maria Elena and Debbie have recently been in Assisi for the IFC-TOR Assembly. While there last week, there was an outbreak of COVID in the gathering of 96 people from many countries all over the world. During the last 24 hours of the assembly, five people tested positive for COVID. They were put into isolation. Sisters Maria Elena and Debbie had been experiencing "allergy-like" symptoms for a few days prior to the outbreak, plus they were under a lot of pressure with late nights, and with the burden of assembly responsibilities with Sister Maria Elena facilitating and Sister Debbie winding up her Presidential role of IFC-TOR. All this to say that they were vulnerable and, looking back, that contributed to the diminishment of their immunity systems. When they returned to Rome on May 17 they promptly got tested and both have tested positive for COVID.

At present Sisters Maria Elena and Debbie are isolated at the Generalate and being well cared for by the Sisters there. The physical symptoms are still allergy-like and have not worsened. Both are very tired physically, emotionally, and psychologically and in need of restorative rest and recuperation.

The protocol for the airlines is that there must be an isolation period of 11 days before flying. Flight reservations to return together to San Francisco on May 31st have been made.

This morning Sisters Maria Elena and Debbie are on a Zoom call with our Care Coordinators Carrie and Nanor in order to get reliable information, guidance and encouragement from these two great medical women on our team. We are very grateful for their care, expertise, and generosity in responding to our needs.

Please know that they are doing what they can to enter into this new reality which, needless to say, affects all of us. Please pray for and with Sisters Maria Elena and Debbie as well as all the other folks at the assembly who became sick and those who may subsequently become ill.

Specific to Sisters and Associates, the Sacred Exchange which was scheduled for tomorrow, May 20, is cancelled. Look for more information next week. We are rescheduling it to May 27th.

Peace and All Good, Sisters Maria Elena, Janet G., Susan, Debbie



MOUNTAIN RETREATS:

The brochure for the 2022 Franciscan Mountain Summer Retreats is attached. This year's theme is Brother Wind: Energy for the Future ~ Living in Harmony with Our One Planet.

The retreats are at Coal Creek Canyon, 107 Divide View Drive, Golden, CO 80403, which is one hour from Denver. Refer questions and RSVP to Sr. Liz Fuhr at mefuhr@franciscanway.org or 720-448-4818.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK – MAY 22-29, 2022.

Please see attached on what the pope has planned for this celebration of Laudate Si Week 2022.



JUSTICE PEACE INTEGRITY OF CREATION:

Please find LCWR's statement on the mass killing in Buffalo here: <https://lcwr.org/news/violence-and-white-supremacy-cannot-stand>. (also attached) You are invited to use this statement in your own prayer and reflection, outreach and action in ways that are helpful to you.



PRAYER PARTNERS:

Sisters and associates were partnered up to be prayer partners. These cards listing your partners and updated address lists were mailed this week. Watch your mail!

NEWSLETTER: (attached)

- The Glance, April 2022

SR. MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:

- June 7-8 Council Meetings
- June 10-11 **CANCELED!** Pre-Chapter Gathering #5
- June 28-29 Council Meetings
- July 8-9 Pre-Chapter Planning Meeting
- July 10-16 XIII Chapter
- July 16 New/Old Council Meeting

DONNA KROLL'S SCHEDULE:

- June 2-8 Vacation