

SACRED HEART PROVINCE  
SISTERS OF ST. RANCIS  
NEWS BRIEF  
Friday, June 17, 2022



**REGISTER NOW - CHAPTER OF MATS:**

**CHECK YOUR MAIL for your registration packet!** This is your time to commit and register! Your packet includes an information letter, registration form, and a tentative agenda (attached, too 😊). Please complete the registration form (with airline reservation details, if needed) and return it to Sr. Mara Walton, c/o HNP Provincial Offices, 4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, NY 14144. [MaraWalton1@gmail.com](mailto:MaraWalton1@gmail.com)  
By **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022!**



**RETREATS:**

Dear Franciscan-Hearted Friends: Our Franciscan Mountain Retreats are listed below. For more information and to register go to <https://sacredheartprovince.franciscanway.org/franciscanmountainretreat2022/>. At the bottom of that page is a clickable blue button (Sign Up for Franciscan Mountain Retreat 2022) that goes to the fillable form: <https://sacredheartprovince.franciscanway.org/retreat-2022-signup/>

**Franciscan Mountain Retreats 2022:**

*Brother Wind: Energy for the Future Living in Harmony on our One Planet*

***One-Day Retreat***

Saturday, August 6

***Weekend Retreat***

Friday-Sunday, June 24-26

Held at our new cabin  
**107 Divide View Drive, Golden, CO 80403**

***Backpacking Retreat***

Indian Peaks Wilderness  
Monday-Friday, July 25-29

You may also contact Sr. Liz Fuhr at [mefuhr@franciscanway.org](mailto:mefuhr@franciscanway.org) or text/call at 720-448-4818.

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

Sr. Selma Follmann, who died on June 11, 2022. She was born on August 24, 1922 and professed on February 3, 1946. Sr. Selma was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Province in Santa Maria, RS-Brazil.

Sr. Ilse Maria Dick, who died on June 11, 2022. She was born on August 14, 1938 and professed on February 2, 1962. Sr. Ilse was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Province in São Leopoldo, RS-Brazil.

James Richard, who died on June 9, 2022. Jim was a former Jesuit who taught Economics at Regis University for many years. Memorial services will be held on June 22, 2022 in Leawood, KS. More info at [Obituary | James Richard | Muehlebach Funeral Care \(muehlebachchapel.com\)](#)

**PROVINCIAL CHAPTER XVIII:**

Please keep SHP in your prayers as they prepare and enter into XVIII Provincial Chapter, July 10-16, 2022.



**XVIII PROVINCIAL CHAPTER PRAYER**

Most good and gracious God,  
as we prepare for Province Chapter XVIII in 2022,  
we joyfully join the cosmic dance of new life.  
With the Spirit's energy swirling amongst us,  
we seek your divine guidance in  
**stewarding: our planet, resources, gifts, relationships,  
contemplation, and evolution.**

Help us remain open and vulnerable as we seek your light,  
as we spiral into the ever opening mystery of our future.  
Knowing we are cherished by You, bring out the passion,  
compassion, and kindness of our hearts.

**INTO YOUR HANDS AFRICA (IYHA):**  
**LOOK WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE: AN UPDATE ON YOUR SSUUBE FOOD PROGRAM:**



Dear Sister Sarah and the Sisters of St. Francis,

Last October, you (SHP) came forward in support of feeding Life Skills students through our Ssuube Means Hope event, and for that, we thank you. Proceeds from the event were used to help fulfill a request from the headmaster at Nadagwe Secondary School to improve the learning environment so students could stay in school longer. To achieve this, our first priority was to provide the school's most disadvantaged 8th and 9th-grade students with free student lunches.

With the help of your donation, we have been able to **feed 205 students at Nadagwe Secondary School every school day since the program launched**; and your impact speaks for itself! Most recently, Nsamba Kassim, the school's headmaster, reported that the number of absent students on any given day has dropped from 10 to 1.5! As a result, test scores have increased, and students are spending more time at school rather than leaving to find food.

A mother of one of our senior two students says, "In our homes, we hardly have enough food to feed the entire family, and quite often, we only have one proper meal a day. IYHA giving our kids lunch is a blessing we thank God for daily."

A student notes, "Through accessing lunch at school, I now spend an additional hour each day after class revising my notes and reviewing what has been taught to me (rather than leaving to find food). This has helped me to improve my academic performance."

One of our female students says, "Now I come to school ready to study as I am assured of a delicious lunch! I take this opportunity to thank the donors of IYHA for making this happen. I now see my future as bright because I am assured of completing my studies."

Food insecurity is a significant problem in our Ugandan communities. Most kids attending Nadagwe have five to six siblings, which means meals at home may be scarce. Providing these students with lunch increases their focus, lifts their spirits, and motivates them to work harder. These are the people your donation directly impacts, and any way that we can ensure these children are fed is a way we can ensure they have an opportunity to succeed. Last year's event was a huge help in doing that, and there is something profoundly beautiful about seeing kids who would otherwise go without lining up for free, nutritious food.

We thank you again for choosing to be a part of their story and ours.

With love, *Kristy Hitchings*

**SR. MANCHESTER'S SCHEDULE:**

- June 28-29 Council Meetings
- July 8-9 Pre-Chapter Planning Meeting
- July 10-16 XIII Chapter
- July 16 New/Old Council Meeting