



Sisters of St. Francis  
**SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)**  
**NEWS BRIEF**  
Friday, January 6, 2023

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

Sister Christa Faßbender, who died on December 27, 2022. She was a member of Maria Immaculata Community, Remagen, Germany.

**PRAYER REQUEST, PLEASE:**

- The sisters in our congregation who are ill or needing special requests. (see attached)
- Sr. Rita Cammack who will have her knee surgery on Monday, January 9, 2023, in Buffalo, NY. She has been with our sisters at Stella in Holy Name Province since December 29, 2022, to settle in a bit and meet with the surgeon. Many sisters of HNP have had joint-surgeries performed by the same doctor and they report great success with him. We pray the same for Sr. Rita. We are grateful to our HNP sisters for hosting her to rehabilitate in their care center over the weeks ahead. *Sr. Sue*

**MESSAGE FROM SR. SARAH MANCHESTER:**

“Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, calls, and gifts! This holiday season has been blessed by the kindness, encouragement, and presence of others. I am cleared by my doctor to go home tomorrow (Saturday, January 7, 2023) 😊🙏❤️!!!” *Sr. Sarah*

**SRS. SEN NGUYEN AND SUE ARTONE-FRICKE TO MEXICO:**

Srs. Sen and Sue will be in Mexico January 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. They will join sisters from St. Francis and Holy Name Provinces to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico City, MEXICO) on the first full day, and then head to Palenque to visit our sisters in ministry there. They look forward to experiencing their ministries and seeing the “clinic in a can.” Hopefully, they will send a few pictures for next week’s update. Thanks for your prayers for their trip, for our Palenque sisters, and for the people they serve. *Sr. Sue*

### **ONGOING NEWS FROM PALENQUE:**

New Year greetings to everyone! Our young sisters returned from their home visit filled with stories and experiences of their time with family. Good News: Sr. Lety's mother is out of danger of having a possible amputation of her foot. After six days in the hospital, she is home, needing a little extra help but doing well.

When Sr. Lety returned to Palenque on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the front door was alarmingly found wide open ... the house had been entered and was vandalized. With the economic crisis in our country there is an increase of crime and robbery. Srs. Lety and Ilce, who live in this house, are very shaken from this second experience of vandalism. This is the reality our people live in and that we are a part of. Ongoing prayers are requested for our safety and that our President, Lopez Obrador, address our economic, social, and legislative reforms for the good of all.

Sr. Lety also requests your supportive prayers as she prepares to go to San Cristobal de las Casas for a month of practicum as a midwife. With this, she will complete her studies and obtain a license. She is both excited and nervous. She will be working at a hospital, delivering babies! She begins on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. She will orally defend her Thesis this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Prayers requested for confidence!

Sr. Consuelo asks for your healing prayers and thoughts for her brother, David Arana Martinez. On January 6<sup>th</sup> he will undergo a precarious surgery for the removal of a cancerous tumor attached to the underside of his pancreas. He and his family live in Las Vegas.

Sr. Mica shares her family's loss and sorrow over the death of her brother-in-law, Carlos Sanchez Peregrino. He died at home on January 4<sup>th</sup> from sclerosis of the liver. He was 48 years old with three children, the youngest 11 years of age. Mica's sister, Carmelina Mendez Vasquez, is most grateful for our prayers. Burial will take place within the next 24 hours followed by the traditional nine days of prayer (novena) when family and friends gather to accompany Carmelina and her children.

Lastly, the Palenque sisters will be welcoming sisters who are coming for an in-person visitation to Palenque after three years of a "COVID-Pause." With the cold weather fronts that are experienced across the USA, we hope that Srs. Joey Grabowski and Nancy Zelma are able to fly out of Buffalo, Srs. Sue Artone-Fricke and Sen Nguyen from Denver and Sr. Debbie Lockwood from California and arrive safely. Travel begins this Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to Mexico City. They have planned a week of activities, sharing their Franciscan communal life of prayer in ministry. They will visit the new clinic-in-a-can and meet the staff, plus the alternative medicine permaculture project. Their hearts will be warmed not only by their experiences with us, but also by the 86 degrees weather with high humidity they are having! *Srs. Consuelo, Graciela, and Maria Elena*

**Public Hearing in Alliance for Marian Residence**

Attached is a Notice of Public Hearing by the Alliance Planning Commission that was requested by the Sisters of St. Francis, because they still own Marian Residence, on behalf of Holy Rosary Parish that is trying to purchase the building in the months ahead. The hearing is for the commission to consider approving the parish's plans to convert the use of Marian Residence to a day care center. The hearing is on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. *Sr. Sue*

