



Sisters of St. Francis  
**SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)  
NEWS BRIEF**

*Friday, May 26, 2023*

*Sunday, May 28, 2023 ~ Happy Pentecost (see attached greeting)*

*Monday, May 29, 2023 ~ Memorial Day, Offices Closed*

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Sr. Karen Crouse's recovery from a setback prior to her mastectomy surgery. She deeply appreciates all the prayers, concerns, and well wishes that she has received, even though she can't keep up with responding personally. You can stay updated and share messages of encouragement and compassion via CaringBridge.com.  
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sr.karencrouse/journal/view/id/6463bcea82357ad641379ca8>  
Thank you for being a caring bridge of healing and peace for Karen.
- Ethel Hershiser (Sr. Jeannine's mom), who is in hospice suffering with sharp internal pain. Pray for wisdom, courage, and resources for Jeannine and Ethel.
- Ellen Alires-Trujillo (Donna Kroll's friend), who is now receiving comfort care at home (hospice) in her end-stage of ALS.

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER & DINNER:**

Associates and Sisters in Colorado, let us gather in memory of our deceased sisters and associates at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, on **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.** If the weather is windy or rainy, we will gather instead at Marycrest, at the same time. (We will contact those who RSVP if we move the memorial to Marycrest.) Afterwards we'll go to Red Robin for dinner like we've often done in the past. Please RSVP to Sue Artone-Fricke, [SueAF@FranciscanWay.org](mailto:SueAF@FranciscanWay.org), so we can print enough prayer guides and see about a table at Red Robin. Sue can give you directions to the graves if you need it.



**THIS IS US! SACRED HEART COMMUNITY DAYS:**

Sisters, please save the dates, **June 1-3, 2023**, for our annual gathering at the DoubleTree, Westminster, CO. Preparation materials were mailed to you.

### **GENERAL VISITATION:**

Dear Sisters & Associates, our General Minister, Sister Rita Cammack, and General Councilor, Sister Vera Konzen, will be in Sacred Heart Community for visitation June 5-16, 2023. They will meet with us in geographic groups on the theme, “**All ... in the Heart of God.**” The time will unfold as we reflect and share on the spirits of St. Francis, Mother Magdalen, and St. Clare. We anticipate the experiences will help us deepen in our charism and mission as an international congregation of Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Please consider coming to one of the following gatherings:

- June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-3:00** Denver at Marycrest, 5314 Columbine Road, Denver, CO. RSVP to Donna Kroll, [DonnaK@FranciscanWay.org](mailto:DonnaK@FranciscanWay.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can prepare enough food.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-2:00** Alliance at Holy Rosary Parish Center library. RSVP to Sr. Jane Schneider, [Jasch@FranciscanWay.org](mailto:Jasch@FranciscanWay.org)
- June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-2:00** Pine Ridge in Eben Hall at Red Cloud Indian School: RSVP to Germaine Little Bear, [GMLittleBear@Yahoo.com](mailto:GMLittleBear@Yahoo.com)
- June 15<sup>th</sup>, Time TBD** Minot via Zoom at a time yet to be determined.

In order for us to adequately prepare for setup and lunch, **please RSVP by June 1** to the person who is indicated above for the gathering you will attend. We look forward to sharing this time with you.

### **THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHIVES:**

Sacred Heart Community’s archive and archivist, Holly Fiedler, are part of a future initiative called the Franciscan Central Archive (FCA). This initiative is to plan how best to preserve and safeguard Franciscan archives and legacies. Their vision statement is the following:

*A sustainable, charism-based collaborative repository for  
the combined archival collections of Franciscan entities across the United States.*

With the FCA, they have found a way to have the archival collections of the North American communities of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity (Sacred Heart Community, St. Francis Province, and Holy Name Province) come together when necessary and be cared for in perpetuity. This week, attached for you a copy of the FCA’s Fact Sheet to help you understand their efforts. Next week they will be able to share the FCA’s very first newsletter and by June 8<sup>th</sup> their webpage will go live! The FCA still has much work to do but they are excited to be able to start sharing their developments with you! *Holly Fiedler*

**FINAL CELEBRATION:**



Aria Homes Final Celebration  
Saturday, June 24  
4:00 - 5:30 pm  
Aria Homes | 2813 W 53rd Ave

After several years of hard work and collaboration, Aria Homes by Habitat is ready to celebrate the conclusion of Aria Homes! **Join them on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at 2813 W 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Denver, CO**, for a final celebration to honor this amazing community and its homeowners! (This was the original Marycrest Sisters of St. Francis property.) The event will include stories from Aria homeowners, words of thanks from partners, refreshments, and activities for kids. Please RSVP to let us know you're coming.

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/e/k8rphA?vid=yyxwz>

