



**SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SACRED HEART COMMUNITY (SHC)
NEWS BRIEF – DECEMBER 8, 2023**

DECEMBER 10, 2023: 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT - L♥VE

NEW EMAIL – Effective Immediately:

- Sr. Rita Cammack's RitaC@DenverOSF.org
- Sr. Sue Artone-Fricke's Sue@DenverOSF.org
- Donna Kroll's DonnaK@DenverOSF.org

Other fransicanway.org emails are not expected to change.

DECEMBER – MARIAN FEAST DAYS:



- December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 10th Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto (Foxfield, CO)
- December 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 16th Memorial of Our Lady of the New Advent (Denver, CO)
- December 24th-25th Mary gives birth to Jesus
- December 31st Feast of the Holy Family (JMJ)

VINO y CHOCOLATE – Returns TONIGHT!

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cordially invite you to the return of ...*

Vino y Chocolate

Friday, December 8, 2023, 5:00-8:00 pm

Centro San Juan Diego
2830 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80205

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decorated for Christmas dinner.*

In the spirit of the season, please bring an unwrapped gift of clothing or a toy for a child to be distributed at immigrant children's shelters in Denver.

Questions, call Romaine at 720-849-7935

PRAYER REQUESTS:

For healing and special request prayers for the sisters in our congregation. (see attached)

PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING SOUL:

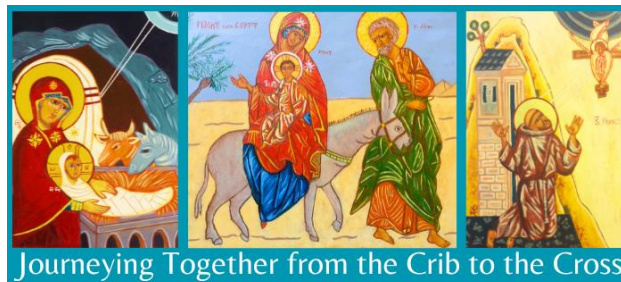
Sr. Maria Acella Kreutz, who died on December 12, 2023. She was born on December 14, 1926 and professed on February 3, 1950. Sr. Maria Acella was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Province in Santa Maria, RS – Brazil.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE:

All sisters and associates from the three North American provinces/community (St. Francis Province, Holy Name Province, and Sacred Heart Community) are invited to attend a ZOOM Advent Prayer Service on **Monday, December 11, 2023, 4:30 MT**. This service will be hosted by St. Francis Province (SFP). The attached guide contains scripture and questions for this Advent Service. To join the ZOOM meeting at the date/time above, go to:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89709425734?pwd=ZzlzdXZWK2I3dIM2NTVmNmEwZkM3dz09>



FRANCISCAN FEDERATION RETREAT:

JOURNEY TOGETHER FROM THE CRIB TO THE CROSS

Begin 2024 journeying together with Franciscan friends at a unique Franciscan Federation virtual retreat designed to inspire, connect, and transform. Our speakers will bring their Franciscan wisdom to the themes of Greccio (the crib), Journeying, and Francis' Stigmata (the cross) on this special day of reflection and sharing. The speakers for this virtual retreat, Father Murray Bodo, OFM, Eunice J. Park, MTS, MAMC, and Darleen Pryds, PhD will inspire as we discover, together, how events that occurred 800 years ago continue to transform us today. This special day will be offered twice, **January 14, 2024, 1-5pm Eastern and February 4, 2024, from 3-7pm Eastern**; join whichever day works best with your schedule. The retreat is available to all who are interested in starting 2024 with a Franciscan focus. Register at [Annual Retreat - Franciscan Federation \(franfed.org\)](https://www.franfed.org) Submitted by Sr. Liz Fuhr

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CALENDAR OF SACRED HEART COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Please contact Donna Kroll if you have any questions.

Date, Time	Event	Notes
2023		
Nov 23, 2:00	Thanksgiving dinner potluck (please rsvp to Sr. Leandra by Nov. 15)	At Marycrest, hosted by Guadalupe Community
Dec 11, 4:30	Advent Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters and associates, hosted by SFP
Dec 24, 7:00	Christmas Eve Mass	At Marycrest followed by snacks,
Dec 25, 2:00	Christmas Day Dinner	Hosted by La Verna Community
2024		
Feb 10, 10-4	Community Retreat Day	At Xavier Retreat Center, Denver
Mar 6, 4:30	Lent Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters and associates, hosted by SHC
May 4, 10:00	Sisters' Jubilee	Alliance
May 9, 4:30	Foundation Day Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters and associates, hosted by HNP
June 6-June 8	Annual Community Meetings	At Xavier Retreat Center, Denver
June 28-30, 2024	Celebrating 150 th Years of Franciscan Presence in North America	Holy Name Province, Stella Niagara, NY

