



### HAPPY JUBILEE ...



to the sisters in Sacred Heart Community who will be celebrating their “YES” this weekend during a Jubilee Mass on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Holy Rosary Church in Alliance, NE.

**Sr. Joan Linenbrink, 70 years**  
**Sr. Francesca Delgado, 65 years**  
**Sr. Karen Crouse, 60 years**  
**Sr. Patty Podhaisky, 40 years**



### **REGISTRATION: 150 YEARS – CROSSING THE THRESHOLD – THEN AND NOW**

The sisters and associates in the three US provinces/community (Holy Name Province, Sacred Heart Community, St. Francis Province) will be gathering to celebrate when the first sisters came to the United States in 1874. This celebration will be **June 28-30, 2024, at Holy Name Province in Stella Niagara, NY.** Please see the attached letter for more information and RSVP on the attached registration form by May 31, 2024.

### **MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> ~ MORE THAN CINCO DE MAYO**

In May 2021, President Joe Biden designated May 5<sup>TH</sup> as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day to recognize American Indian and Alaska Native people who have lost their lives to violence. Cinco de May celebrates the Mexican victory of the 2nd French Empire in an 1862 battle. (*Thank you, Sr. Alberta Wilkes, HNP, for the interesting info.*)

## **SAVE THE DATE – MAY 9, 2024**

The three US provinces/community (Holy Name Province, Sacred Heart Community, St. Francis Province) will gather via zoom to celebrate **Foundation Day!** It is some 189 years since the sisters began sowing seeds at Heythuysen, The Netherlands; and 150 years since those seeds were first sown in North America! Join us on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, via ZOOM, to see together what fruit has been cultivated and harvested. Stay tuned for more information.



### **PICTURES NEEDED:**

Dear Sisters and Associates, Sr. Patty Podhaisky would be grateful for a picture or two of you in whatever meaningful moment--at prayer, protesting, making lunches for the homeless, teaching, preaching, gardening, etc. We are putting together a PowerPoint presentation to show to our international sisters for General Chapter. **PLEASE SEND THESE TO SR. PATTY AT [patty@franciscanway.org](mailto:patty@franciscanway.org) IN JPEG/ELECTRONIC FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--BY MAY.** Thank You for your help!

### **REST IN PEACE ...**

Sr. Otília Staudt, who died on April 30, 2024. She was born on December 25, 1929, and professed on February 2, 1957. Sr. Otilia was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Santa Maria, RS-Brazil.

### **FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK:**

The Franciscan religious community, is inviting you to join a Catholic sign-on letter on Israel-Palestine (see attached or go to [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16K1RvL3YdSgSchwO\\_eWB9iSvlgINP59ahqtAQ1aZiGM/edit?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=91fd65f7-75ce-40af-8154-e4147f1bf30e](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16K1RvL3YdSgSchwO_eWB9iSvlgINP59ahqtAQ1aZiGM/edit?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=91fd65f7-75ce-40af-8154-e4147f1bf30e). All Catholic communities and organizations are invited to join in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, release of all hostages, and a political solution to ensure justice, equality, peace, security, and freedom for the two peoples. Please fill out the attached form or go to [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYZFq1ld0pndQbF1rWt2TW01f0MHhadh8Y2mYTKLcrzYz5Qw/view\\_form?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=91fd65f7-75ce-40af-8154-e4147f1bf30e](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYZFq1ld0pndQbF1rWt2TW01f0MHhadh8Y2mYTKLcrzYz5Qw/view_form?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=91fd65f7-75ce-40af-8154-e4147f1bf30e) if you agree, and thank you if you have already signed. Individual Catholics will also be invited to sign beginning May 3, including any interested members and associates of your community. Thank you for taking action for peace! Michele Dunne, OSF / Liz Fuhr, OSF

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

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

**EARTH CARE:**

Reflection: Spring, and no one can be still, with all the messages coming through. By Rumi. Submitted by Sr. Gloria Shuffer.

**NEWSLETTER:** *(attached)*

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THIS WEEK'S SISTERS!**

**Sr. Joan Linenbrink, May 2nd**

**Sr. Gloria Shuffer, May 3rd**

**2024 CALENDAR OF SACRED HEART COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Please contact Donna Kroll if you have any questions.

<b>Date, Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 4, 10:00 am	Sisters' Jubilee	Alliance, NE
May 9, 4:30 pm	Foundation Day Prayer via Zoom	For North American sisters & associates, hosted by HNP
May 27, 3:00 pm	Memorial Day Prayer & Dinner	Mount Olivet Cemetery <i>(if rain, Casa Chiara Office)</i>
June 6-June 8	Annual Community Meetings	Xavier Retreat Center, Denver
June 28-30	Celebrating 150 <sup>th</sup> Years of Franciscan Presence in North America	HNP, Stella Niagara, NY

