



SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS  
**SACRED HEART PROVINCE (SHP)**  
NEWS BRIEF – AUGUST 30, 2024

OFFICES CLOSED – LABOR DAY, Monday, September 2, 2024

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**TRAVELING:**

Sisters Sue Artone-Fricke and Patty Podhaisky will be in Europe **September 25-October 25, 2024**. Both will have access to their phones' voice, text, and data and will return your messages when they can. *If you need something provincial, contact Sisters Karen Crouse or Gloria Shuffer (their contact info is on the province list) or Donna Kroll at 303-458-6270.* Patty and Sue will be touring Prague September 26-30 and Venice September 30-October 3, and then be in Rome October 3-25 for general chapter. Cheers!

**MASS AT CASA CHIARA ON SEPTEMBER 8:**

Casa Chiara community is hosting Mass and dinner at 4:30 pm on **Sunday, September 8**. All are welcome. Please let me know if you will attend so we can plan accordingly. S. Sue Artone-Fricke, [Sue@DenverOSF.org](mailto:Sue@DenverOSF.org).

**INVITATION TO LCWR ASSEMBLY KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON ZOOM, SEPTEMBER 9:**

Associates and sisters are invited to keynote talk, followed by small group sharing, on **Monday, September 9, 2024, at 4:30 pm MT, 5:30 pm CT**. The speaker is Bryan Massingale who addresses the question, "What does it mean to be a sign of courageous hope in a time that we do not know how to name?" His insights are thought provoking and his suggestions encouraging. This invitation is further explained in a letter from the three North American provincial ministers that was emailed prior to this Update going out. Contact Sue Artone-Fricke, [Sue@DenverOSF.org](mailto:Sue@DenverOSF.org), if you have questions or need additional information.

**NORTH AMERICAN PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE STIGMATA,  
SEPTEMBER 16:**

Associates and sisters, let us come together on Zoom, **Monday, September 16, 2024, at 4:30 pm MT, 5:30 pm CT**, for prayer on the eve of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi. Prayer will be led by St. Francis Province. The Zoom link will be emailed to you on September 16. Contact Sue Artone-Fricke, [Sue@DenverOSF.org](mailto:Sue@DenverOSF.org), if you have questions or need additional information.

**EARTH CARE:**

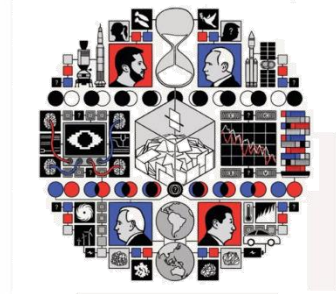
Reflection: I offer my eyes to the Earth so that it can have my perspective. I offer all my senses, so that all that I see from this place, the Earth can see. (written by John Seed, submitted by Sr. Gloria Shuffer)

**PRAYER FOR THE 2024 GLOBAL ELECTIONS:**

*Please join us in prayer each day until the November 2024 election.*

*Written by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace.*

**THE WORLD AHEAD 2024**



God of peace, these times demand a change of heart:  
to be, think, and act differently.

Pour out your Spirit on your people  
as we prepare to vote in 2024  
in unprecedented numbers across the globe.

May we strive to make peace a reality  
by becoming agents of reconciliation,  
transforming and transcending polarization,  
misinformation, and division during this election year.

Help us to recognize the reality of our interconnection and interdependence  
and to make decisions for the common good. Amen.

