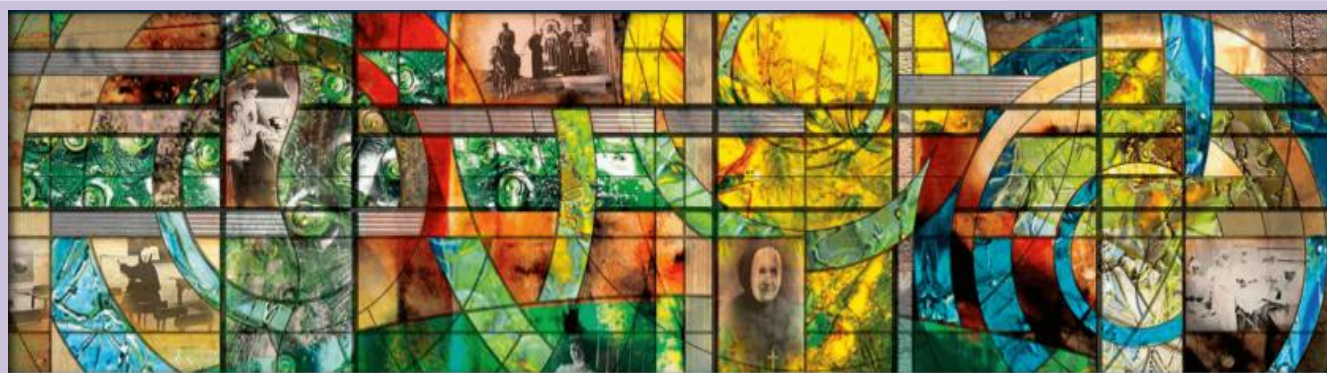




Fall 2026

Women of Providence

In Collaboration



Join us for our *Celebrating Providence* Miniseries which will run from the Fall 2026 until Winter 2027.

Mr. Nicolas Estrada, PA, a Providence Associate of Mother Joseph (Sisters of Providence, Montreal,) will lead a four-part series exploring the theology, biblical foundations and the lived expressions of Providence.

Nicolas's connection to Providence began during his childhood in the Los Angeles area, where he attended schools founded or sponsored by the Sisters of Providence. He studied theology and history at the University of San Diego and earned graduate degrees in Church History from Loyola University Chicago and Theological Studies from the Franciscan School of Theology.

Throughout his ministerial career, Estrada has served Catholic schools and parishes in California, Illinois, and Montana as a teacher, catechist, campus minister, retreat director, administrator, liturgist and adjunct instructor. He currently serves as University Minister at the University of San Diego, overseeing campus liturgies, Catholic devotions, and catechetical and OCIA programs. He is also the primary instructor for the Diocese of San Diego's K-12 religion teacher certification program.



Our series begins October 24th with *A Shared Heritage: The Evolution of a Theology of Providence*, examining the theological and social movements that shaped Providence congregations. On December 5th, *Stories of Faith: The Biblical Foundations of Providence* will trace God's sustaining presence from Genesis and Exodus through the Gospels. The January 30th presentation, *Co-Creators with Providence: Embracing Our Call*, will invite participants to embrace an active theology in which God works through us. The series concludes February 20th with *A Prophetic Hope: Trusting Providence in Times of Change*, a reflection on meeting changes in religious and associate life with honesty, faith, and hope.

Each presentation costs \$25 per person and will take place virtually via Zoom. You can register online at www.wpcweb.org or by email wpcmarynacc@gmail.com.



WOMEN OF PROVIDENCE IN COLLABORATION CELEBRATING PROVIDENCE MINISERIES FALL 2026 - WINTER 2027

October 24th.
10:00-11:30 am ET

A Shared Heritage: The Evolution of a Theology of Providence

Exploring the origins of the theological concept of Providence, we will consider how 19th century theological and social movements in both Europe and North America paved the way for the Providence religious congregations we see today

December 5th.
10:00-11:30 am ET

Stories of Faith: The Biblical Foundations of Providence

From Genesis and the Exodus to the Gospels, this presentation will explore how God's active, sustaining presence accompanies humanity (And our Providence communities) through history and crisis.



January 30th.
10:00-11:30 am ET

Co-Creators with Providence: Embracing Our Call

Sometimes we all need to reframe our perspective! Together we will be invited to reflect on our own calls to be Providence for the world as we work to replace a passive view of Providence ("God will fix it") with an active, participatory theology of Providence ("God works through us").

February 20th.
10:00-11:30 am ET

A Prophetic Hope: Trusting Providence in Times of Change

It is undoubtable that the landscapes of both religious and associate life are changing, but together we will discuss how our faith and charisms invite us to both acknowledge our fears and face the future with hope.

Our Presenter for this series will be Mr. Nicolas Estrada, PA. Nicolas is a Providence Associate of Mother Joseph (Sisters of Providence, Montreal). Growing up in the Los Angeles region of California, Nicolas attended a primary school founded by the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods, and a secondary school sponsored by the Sisters of Providence (Montreal). He went on to study theology and history at the University of San Diego before moving on to acquire graduate degrees at both Loyola University, Chicago (Master of Art, Church History) and the Franciscan School of Theology in California (Master of Theological Studies). Today, Nicolas serves as University Minister for the University of San Diego.



Register online <https://www.wpcweb.org/celebrate-providence-fall-2026-winter-2027-miniseries>



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News from Congregation of Divine Providence, Wakefield, RI

The 25th Congregational Chapter began in Seoul, South Korea from August 31st to September 14th. On the Opening Day we had a wonderful Liturgy at the motherhouse of our Korean Sisters, with the Bishop of Suwon presiding, joined by over a hundred Korean Sisters, 37 delegates and a staff including the facilitator, secretary and numerous Interpreters. The music was beautiful and one of the Korean Sisters, Sr. Cecilia Sungjoo Hong, took the Chapter theme and wrote a song in Korean and English and debuted it at that Mass. The Liturgy was followed by a catered meal and much happy reuniting of Sisters from all the provinces—Germany, United States, Korea and the mission in Peru. Lots of hugs all around!

We then traveled to the St. Imbert Retreat center, where we were housed for the duration of the Chapter meetings. We began on September 1st with Sr. Barbara's Chapter Address on the theme: **Holy Adventure: The Path to Possibilities**. She challenged us to continue the adventure together, be open to new possibilities, risk the unknown, and be the visible face of Providence to the world. Sr. Nancy Schrek, OSF, spent a day and a half with us, presenting us with new challenges of our adventure and being open to the Holy Spirit in the coming Chapter days. At the beginning of the second week, we celebrated our 175 years as a Congregation with a special Liturgy, catered meal and special desserts. Our Providence story continues!

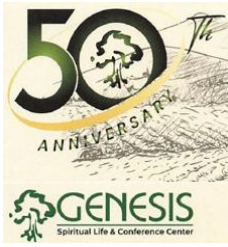


The next weeks were filled with Chapter Reports, business, future planning and discussions in both same-language tables, and then in mixed-language groups—German, Spanish, Korean and English! There was a proposal to sell the Generalate Residence in Wakefield and move the Generalate back to Rome. It was a unanimous decision on both counts. Of course, there is much to do before the actual move takes place. This will be the responsibility of the newly elected Leadership Team. In the meantime, this current Team will be cleaning out files and offices, preparing transition materials, and personally packing up their own belongings. Sr. Rosa will go back to Korea, Sr. Mary Francis will return to Pittsburgh, and Sr. Barbara will drive back to her home in Illinois.

Newly elected Leadership Team: Sr. Marie Peter Soonja Lim—Councilor, Sr. Veronica Gumja Kim—Councilor, Sr. Donna Marie Gribshaw—Congregational Leader, and Sr. Maria Youngmi Kim—Councilor.



News from Sisters of Providence, Holyoke MA



Genesis Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

This year the Sisters of Providence are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Genesis Spiritual Life Center, in Westfield, MA. For five decades, Genesis has been a place of welcome, reflection, healing, and spiritual growth. Founded by Sr. Elizabeth Oleksak and her companion Sr. Ruth McGoldrick, the mission of Genesis is “to create an environment that will reveal the love of God for all creation and bring hope and healing to all who come. Sensitivity to atmosphere, devotion to the land, and attention to program design invite everyone to experience God’s providential care and a sense of wellbeing.”

At the Genesis fund-raising wine tasting event on a lovely evening of September 5, 2026, Executive Director Joe Krans welcomed the guests saying: *“Tonight, we gather not only to enjoy good food, wine, and fellowship, but also to celebrate the extraordinary impact Genesis has had on our community for the past fifty years.... it is especially important that we recognize two extraordinary women whose vision, faith, and dedication made Genesis what it is today. Genesis Spiritual Life Center would not exist without the contributions of Sister Elizabeth Oleksak and Sister Ruth McGoldrick...”*

Sister Elizabeth established 1976 what would become a sanctuary for reflection, prayer, personal transformation, and connection with God. She served as administrator and executive director for two decades and then continued to share her gifts as a retreat director, spiritual director, historian and steward of the land. Her love of life, welcoming presence, unwavering belief in the sacredness of every person, and care for all of God’s creation, have touched countless lives. And that ecological mission remains central to Genesis today.

Sister Ruth, who passed away in February 2026, helped shape the mission of Genesis through her program development and skills as a spiritual director. Known for her wisdom and compassion, Sister Ruth's knowledge of theology, scripture and her writings on Providence spirituality helped establish the foundation upon which Genesis continues to thrive. Together, the vision and dedication of these two women created a place that has provided hope, healing, and spiritual nourishment to generations of people.



Sister Elizabeth Oleksak, SP and Sister Ruth McGoldrick, SP

News from Sisters of Providence, Holyoke MA

SP Happenings

Associates: The Sisters of Providence Associates held their annual Missioning Ceremony on September 27th, the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Sisters of Providence. Lead by Associate Director Yvonne Andersen, the Associates joined in a prayer service that culminated in the renewal of their annual commitments. Several Sisters were present and joined in the festive light supper that followed. Earlier in the summer, the Associates enjoyed their first visit with Mary Naccarato, WPC Executive Director, in late June and are planning to meet with her again in 2027.



*Back Row, Associate Director Yvonne Andersen
Front row, Associates Patricia St. Amand and Louise Cooper who have served in Associate leadership roles, assisted in planning the event.*



Associate Mission Ceremony



Kim Davis, SPMC CEO

SPMC Colleagues: The Sisters of Providence Ministry Corporation (SPMC) hosted a day-long Board retreat on September 18, 2026, at Genesis Spiritual Life Center for Board members and Executive Directors from six ministry subsidiary corporations. After a welcome, SPMC Board Chair Sister Kathleen Popko asked all to join in an opening Providence Prayer that referenced this as a transitional moment. It is a time when the Sisters entrust these ministries to the laity who are called, not only to carry on the spirit and legacy of the Sisters of Providence, but also to enable these ministries to flourish as they themselves live the charism of Providence into the future, bringing hope and healing to those they serve.

Anne Chapdelaine, SPMC Chief Operating Officer, and Kim Davis, SPMC Chief Executive Officer reviewed the purpose of the retreat and the agenda that would engage the Board members and Executives in presentations, reflections, discussions, and group sharing. The day began with a reflection on the Gospel parable of the man found along the side of the road and the responses of those who passed by. After a brief video on the history of the Sisters of Providence, time was spent on

development of a shared understanding of the meaning of “Living the Legacy.”



Anne Chapdelaine, SPMC COO

Sessions were held on learning about discernment practices, clarifying future stewardship responsibilities, as well as discernment vs traditional decision making, balancing operational realities with gospel vision. In rotating groups, the Board members also moved to different tables to learn more about each of corporation’s current ministries.

The day ended with a discussion of stewardship, accountability, governance, and a closing Providential blessing. As one participant concluded: “The mission is alive and well.”

News from The Sisters of Divine Providence, **Marie de la Roche Province, Allison Park, PA**



Celebrating Our 150th Anniversary in America

The Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence was founded in Germany in 1851 by Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler and Mother Marie de la Roche. Their mission was twofold: to serve the poor and the sick and to teach girls in the rural areas of Mainz, Germany.

In 1876, six young Sisters traveled to North America to carry forward the mission of the Congregation and to share its charism of Providence in a new land. By the early 1900s, the Congregation had grown to more than 300 women serving in Germany and the United States.

Through changing times and new challenges, the spirit of Providence that inspired them, those early sisters continue to guide our work today. This year we celebrate all that has been accomplished and look forward with hope to the opportunities that lie ahead. While much has changed, the heart of our mission remains the same, walking with those in need and responding with compassion, prayer and action. Across our ministries, we welcome immigrant families, provide microgrants to women in Central America, accompany new community members, and hold all of this work in our prayers.

This summer, we celebrated our 150th anniversary with a covenant-signing ceremony during our annual Founders Day picnic with La Roche University. We shared a historical display from our archives with the public at a local heritage and cultural center. And we also received recognition through citations from Senator Lindsey Williams and Pennsylvania Representative Arvind Venkat with special presentations and visits from each other.

Throughout our anniversary year, we have also been highlighting “Acts of Providence,” a monthly video series that showcases the many ways we continue to make God’s Providence visible in our world today. New videos are shared on our website, cdpsisters.org, and on Facebook on the first of each month.

News from Sisters of Divine Providence, San Antonio, Texas

What a Place Can Carry

In December 1985, as the historic Moye grounds in Castroville was entering a new season as a center for renewal, Sister Dorothy Hoog found a way to make the grounds feel like home. A Castroville native, she saved the tall bloom stalk of a century plant and transformed it into a Christmas tree with paint, lights and decorations. Friends helped, and an old crèche completed the scene.

That small act feels at home in the Moye grounds story. Something already present was received with care and given a new purpose. It became a source of beauty and welcome.



This year, the Sisters of Divine Providence celebrate 160 years since Mother St. Andrew Feltin and Sister Alphonse Boegler arrived in Texas. Two years after their arrival, the Sisters established their first Texas Motherhouse in Castroville and began teaching children in the original St. Louis Church. The stone convent that still anchors the property was completed in 1873.

Since then, the Moye grounds have become many things. They have held a Motherhouse, parish school, academy and an industrial school. Retired Sisters lived there, and newer members gathered for formation. After the Motherhouse moved to San Antonio, the property welcomed seminarians, priests and members of other religious communities, including Mexican clergy and students who had been displaced by persecution.





The Sisters later reacquired the property and opened Moye Military Academy for Boys. When the academy closed, the buildings became an aspirancy for girls discerning religious life. The Moye grounds subsequently served as a high school, regional headquarters and the Congregation's formation center.

When formation moved to San Antonio in 1985, the property entered another transition. More than 800 people participated in renewal programs during its first four months. Forty years later, Moye Retreat Center continues to welcome people of many faiths for retreats, spiritual direction, prayer and rest.

Every transition required a decision. Some decisions responded to growth and possibility. Others came through changing needs, limited resources or the completion of a ministry. Even a carefully discerned decision can be difficult to make and painful for others to accept. For Sisters, former students, retreatants and neighbors, a building may hold part of their own story. A change in its use or ownership can feel deeply personal.

Trust in Providence lives alongside those feelings. It allows a community to move forward while honoring the significance of what is changing. Faithful discernment may still leave some people unsettled or grieving. The invitation is to remain attentive to one another while trusting that the life of the charism is larger than any single ministry, building or generation.



Another transition is now unfolding at the Moye grounds. The independent Blessed Father Moye Catholic School has purchased the western block of the property. The school is not associated with, sponsored by or operated by the Sisters of Divine Providence. Its future rests with others, beyond the Congregation's governance.

The grounds continue to bring people together. Each year at Heritage Day, neighbors return to share memories, spend time with the Sisters and support Moye Retreat Center and its ministry of hospitality.

As Providence communities face similar decisions, perhaps this story offers companionship rather than an answer. These grounds have been built, altered, shared, sold, reacquired, repaired and entrusted again and again. Through each season, prayer and service have found new rooms.

Provident God, receive our gratitude for the places that have sheltered our lives and ministries. Give us courage for difficult decisions, tenderness toward those who grieve them, and trust that the charism continues beyond what we can see or control.

News from Sisters of Providence, Montreal, CA

The Sisters of Providence in Haiti: 50 years of presence and commitment.

The History of the Sisters of Providence's Early Presence in Haiti.

The Mission of the Sisters of Providence in Haiti began in 1976, when, inspired by her mother's testimony on the great needs of the Haitian people, Sister Jeanne Longpré arrived in Milot. Initially focusing on educational and nutrition projects, this first work paved the way for others to come.

Beginning in 1977, the Sisters established communities in Pont-Sondé to support a dispensary, and later in Rendel, where they continued the work of a lay missionary in healthcare and education.



June 14, 2026 – Beginning of the Commemorations Marking the 50th Anniversary of the Sisters of Providence's Presence in Haiti.



Missionaries in Haiti with the SP Director of Missions, circa 1984. First Row: Sisters Jeanne Longpré, Annette Aspirot and Rollande Dufresne. 2nd row: Sisters Germaine Desrochers, Marie-Claire Soucy, Hélène Lalonde (Director), Thérèse Potvin, Ursule Cantin and Denise Fournier.

In 1984, a new community was established in Sucrerie Henry to take charge of a school, a women's development center, and a dispensary.

Over the years, many Sisters of Providence, Canadian and Haitian, as well as sisters from other countries, have responded to the call, placing their skills at the service of Haitian communities in a spirit of solidarity, compassion, and development.

Our Present-Day Presence — Compassionate Action in Gratitude

Sunday, June 14, 2026, was a sunny and very hot day in the Torbeck region of southern Haiti. A spirit of celebration and thanksgiving filled the hearts of the Sisters of Providence, Providence Associates, collaborators, and friends of the Sisters of Providence.

This day marked the beginning of a year of celebration and gratitude to our God of Providence for 50 years of the Sisters of Providence's presence and compassionate service in the country.



The church of Sainte-Véronique Parish in Torbeck-Welch had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, thanks to the dedication and skill of the Providence Associates of Torbeck. Every gesture, symbol, and contribution had been thoughtfully planned as a reminder, tribute, or commemoration of the Providence Mission carried out in the various dioceses of the country over the past 50 years.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Chibly Langlois, Bishop

of Les Cayes, was a highlight of the day. The various symbols, offerings, prayers in several languages, and presentations evoked the history, spirituality, interculturality, and commitment of the Congregation in the various dioceses of the country.

Special attention was given to Sister Jeanne Longpré, the first Sister of Providence to serve in Haiti. Fifty years later, it is impossible not to rejoice at the abundant harvest that stands before our eyes. Special recognition was also given to the journey of Sister Merci-Christ Sylméon, the first Haitian Sister of the Congregation.

The prayerful and meaningful offertory procession presented products from the different regions of Haiti where the Sisters have lived and continue to live. Important elements of our life and spirituality were brought to the altar, bearing witness to our deep roots in our community values.

The presence of members of the Congregational Initial Formation Team, along with several Sisters in initial formation, gave the celebration an even more international and solemn character. The choir of the Torbeck Associates, under the direction of Maestro Eddyson Salvodon, also contributed to the beauty and depth of the ceremony. Delegations from different regions, together with those in formation, further enhanced its intercultural character.

In his homily, Cardinal Chibly Langlois, through his presence and his words, touched each one of us and contributed to the joy of this celebration. His message of hope, addressed primarily to the Sisters of Providence, renewed our sense of mission for the future, reminding us that the Mission remains as relevant as ever. He was accompanied by several priests, particularly from the Diocese of Les Cayes.

After Mass, the participants gathered at Émilie-Gamelin School for a reception, testimonies, and dances performed by the students. It was also an opportunity to recall the history of the Providence presence in Haiti since 1976.

This day of thanksgiving thus marked the beginning of a jubilee year dedicated to gratitude, hope, and the continuation of the Mission.

May the grace of the Lord remain with us, as it has accompanied us throughout these 50 years. In trust and hope, we sing together: Providence of God, We thank you for all.

News from The Congregation of Divine Providence, Melbourne, Kentucky

As we move into the season of autumn, we give thanks for a summer rich with God's Providence—marked by joyful anniversaries, new beginnings, and meaningful time together in prayer and reflection. We continue to celebrate the faith, friendship, and mission that continue to shape and strengthen our CDP community.

Jubilee Celebration

We had the great joy of celebrating with our 60 and 70-year Jubilarians: Sisters Mary Carol Heneggler, Carolyn Marie Betsch, Grace Ann Schmearsal, Liz Wehri, Gladys Macke, Susan Baumann (who joined us virtually from France), and Claire Osburg. We honored them with a special Mass, group sharing and festive meal. These faithful women are a blessing to so many, and our time of sharing and celebration affirms the immense gift of our life together as sisters.



Summer Assembly

Our Summer Assembly brought sisters together for reflection and conversation around the theme "Women in Mission Sharing Our Gifts." Facilitated by Mark Clarke from CommunityWorks, the gathering offered an opportunity to recognize the many gifts within our community, consider the realities that shape its mission today and continue moving toward concrete next steps for the future. Through prayer, reports, presentations, prayer, and sharing, we reflected on how shared gifts can strengthen our ongoing mission.

United in Prayer



For the past nine years, we've been collaborating with two nearby communities—the Benedictines of St. Walburg Monastery and the Sisters of Notre Dame—to offer regular public prayer for peace. What began as a vocation event now welcomes a wide range of people to pray for peace in our neighborhoods, our country and our world. In these contentious times that seem to invite division rather than unity, our prayer witnesses to our unity as sisters and extends a warm invitation for others to join us in faith. We hope it offers peace and encouragement to all who gather, as well as to us as an extended community. We meet online via Facebook Live and in person at a local park in Covington, Kentucky, so anyone passing by can take part. You are welcome anytime!

News from Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, Kingston, Ontario, Canada



Kingston, Ontario Archives Groundbreaking Ceremony

Written by Veronica Steinburg, Archivist for the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul.

On August 10th, 2026, the Feast of St. Lawrence - the Patron Saint of archives - a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre in Kingston, Ontario, marking the start of construction of the new joint Roman Catholic Archives. This project is a partnership between the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of

Kingston, the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, and the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul and will house the archival collections of all three organizations. A two-story addition to the Diocesan Centre will be built to house the new joint archives, including a temperature-and-humidity-controlled environment with high-density mobile shelving for archival storage on the lower level and offices, reading room and workroom on the upper level.

His Grace, the Most Rev. Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston, presided over the ceremony, saying a prayer blessing the project and breaking the ground with a ceremonial shovel-full of dirt along with Sister Gayle Desarmia and Sister Una Byrne representing the Sisters of Providence and Sister Claudette Dionne and Sister Juline Roberge representing the General Council of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

The shovel used for the groundbreaking is an archival artifact, from the Archives of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. It was used on April 5th, 1973, by then Governor General Roland Michener to dig a hole for a tree planting at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in Kingston. We thought it was appropriate to use an Archival artifact for the groundbreaking of the Archives!

The ceremonial groundbreaking was followed by work slowly starting a week later. Two trees were removed on August 18th, and the demolition of an existing stairwell took place in the first two weeks of September. Excavation for the foundations has now begun it's starting to seem real!

Construction is expected to take approximately 8 months. We are aiming to move the Archives of the Sisters of Providence and the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph into the new facility in late Spring of 2027.

Left to right: Veronica Steinburg, Archivist, Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul; Sister Una Byrne, SP; Sister Claudette Dionne, RHSJ; Sister Gayle Desarmia, SP; the Most Rev. Michael Mulhall, Archbishop of Kingston; Sister Juline Roberge, RHSJ; Rodney Carter, Archivist, RHSJ St. Joseph Region; Kenneth Hall, Chancellor of Temporal Affairs, Archdiocese of Kingston; Alshima Mohammed, Shoalts and Zaback Architects; and Philip Wilson, Director of Cemeteries and the construction liaison, Archdiocese of Kingston breaking ground for the new archives on August 10, 2026.



News from Sisters of Providence, St. Mary Of the Woods, Indiana



Sister Jessica Vitente, SP professed perpetual vows

On Saturday, August 8, Sister Jessica Vitente, SP professed perpetual vows with the Sisters of Providence in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

During the special Mass, then-General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP said for Sister Jessica, “the way has become clear.” “Her patient and trustful journey in Providence has brought her to this moment of clarity,” Sister Dawn continued. “Thank you, Jessica, for following the light ... You are taking your place. Indeed, Yahweh has called you by name.”

Sister Jessica entered the Congregation on September 10, 2018. She professed first vows in 2021. Very soon, Sister Jessica will begin a ministry as an Associate Counselor at Beacon Pathway in Irvine, California. Prior to that, she ministered as the Catholic Campus Minister for the Newman Center at the University of Evansville in Evansville, Indiana. She graduated from Loyola University in May with a master’s degree in pastoral counseling. “Let your trust in Providence continue to take you to places you never imagined,” Sister Dawn said.

Mission Advancement honors outgoing Leadership



The Leadership Team (from left) General Councilor Sister Laura Parker, SP, Vicar/General Treasurer Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp, SP, General Secretary Cassie Sutton, General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP, General Councilor Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein, SP and General Councilor Sister Carole Kimes, SP.

On Friday, August 28, just days before the installation of a new leadership team, the outgoing General Council conducted a meeting to tidy up some final items. What they were unaware of was that the Congregation’s Mission Advancement Department was on a mission. A tasty mission. The department cooked and purchased breakfast goodies for the five members of the Leadership Team, assembling the food just outside of the Council Meeting Room while the doors were closed. As they all came out from the meeting, they could not believe the site. “Thanks for being so awesome,” Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein, SP said. “Today was amazing because of you!”

A Road Trip with Saint Mother Theodore Guerin



During the Fourth of July holiday this year, Mission Advancement Annual Giving Manager Amy Miranda and her son Isaac took Saint Mother Theodore Guerin on a road trip.

Amy and her son ventured to Champion, Wisconsin, for the Catholic Saints of America event, which took place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.

During the trip, the two took banners, a life-size cut out, brochures, prayer cards, third-class relic cards as well as first- and second-class relics of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin.

During the event, Amy and her son shared information about Saint Mother Theodore Guerin with those in attendance. All 76 saints, blessed, venerable and servants of God were featured at the event.

“Oh, she’s already a saint! Why have I never heard of her?” was a question Amy said she heard many times. She added another woman was so pleased to see the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin display as her infant son with her was named Theodore.

“Sharing her with others was an honor,” Amy said. “May even more people get to know and learn from this amazing woman who points us always toward God.”



Honoring the late Sister Patty Fillenwarth, SP

The community of Humboldt Park in Chicago has never forgotten the late Sister Patty Fillenwarth.

For 37 years, Sister Patty was a fixture in the community, teaching for 15 years at Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Elementary School and serving as the Director of Providence Family Services for more than 20 years.

In June, the Chicago Park District approved the renaming of a Chicago Park as Fillenwarth Park, honoring Sister Patty for her time in the area.

Sister Patty Fillenwarth, SP

The park is located one block from where Providence Family Services (PFS) once stood. While dedication has not officially taken place, a sign indicating the name change has already been placed. Benches have also been installed in the park.

Sister Mary Tomlinson, who ministered at said Sister Patty's love for Humboldt Park never wavered.

"She was dedicated to her clients and students, providing them quality services," Sister Mary said.

"There are many success stories among the many thousands of people she helped.

She was a much-beloved member of the community and lent her support to any need that arose. She was a blessing in so many ways."



Sr. Patty Fillenwarth, SP and a student

Looking for some good books to curl up with as the days grow shorter and it is getting cooler outside? Why not purchase the Celebrating Providence Bundle. You get six wonderfully written reflections on Providence and a flash drive with prayer services and other resources all for \$50 plus shipping and handling. For more information contact Mary T. Naccarato at wpcmarynacc@gmail.com



The bundle includes

- 1.) *The Art of Providence* is a beautiful resource book of prayers, poetry, prayer rituals, music, photos, reflections and artwork by various Sisters and Associates in our Providence congregations.
- 2.) *Providence and Compassion* Nine Women of Providence share their understanding of through the lens of their lived experience in ministry and community life.
- 3.) *Providence and Peace: Connecting and Co-Creating for Justice*. In this publication, we experience various perspectives on the connections between Providence and peace and how they are interwoven. In addition to two of our Providence Sisters, this publication includes the insights of one lay man and two lay women from different backgrounds and experiences.
- 4.) *Providence Alive in Us: Ever Unfolding Mystery* is designed to promote and broaden the understanding of Providence theology and spirituality and how, over the years, it has affected our lives.
- 5.) *Encountering Providence*. Created for WPC's 35th Anniversary. This compiled retreat resource manual features a flash drive with presentations, videos, prayers, reflection and leader templates.
- 6.) *The Cosmos Within the Providence Dance* A compilation of the 25th Anniversary of Women of Providence in Collaboration.