

Sisters of Divine Providence
Marie de la Roche Province

Making God's Providence Visible

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A MESSAGE FROM ...

Sister Mary Francis Fletcher

PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR

As we begin a new year, many of us find ourselves, as in so many earlier years, taking stock, recognizing disconnects, making resolutions, and asking timeless questions: Who am I and who do I want to become? How do I want to live with myself and with others in the human community? What really matters? What is my purpose in being, in living? How do I want others to remember me when I have passed on into the eternal life promised by God?

We live very busy and, sometimes, stressful lives. We do our best to learn, to grow, to find balance in caring for ourselves and in building healthy, loving relationships with others. We all face struggles in the interactions of working hard and using our education and skills for good. We try to strengthen our innate gifts and learn to accept our limitations, to discover who God is, and where and how God calls us to live and give of ourselves, so that our world, created by God, can experience healing through our efforts, our presence, and our witness.

With all the immediate realities pressing upon us and our loved ones daily, we are also aware of the great suffering and need of many people in our world, both near and far. We pray with and for them. We want to help and we do what we can to share what we have with others. As we rise every morning, we want to know we are doing the work to which God calls us, that we are listening and responding to God's voice. We hope to make a difference in our world.

The generosity of our donors, old friends and new ones, does just that—brings wholeness and healing to the lives of others and to our world, and in this giving, the answers to the deeper questions may be revealed. Edwin Hubbell Chapin said, "Every action in our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity." Your actions touch many chords; each one vibrates in a way that creates great harmony here on the earth and great joy in the heavenly realm.

Your gifts reveal your desire to hear God's voice and do God's work. Your donations ensure that our Sisters, who spent their lives of active ministry serving the needs of others, are taken care of with dignity and compassion. Contributions "for the greatest need" allow us to choose the best ways to support and care for our retired and infirm Sisters, which frees us to use our funds, as well, to assist our Sisters in their active ministries to meet needs today.

We are grateful for your search to know what really matters and for your understanding that all God has given you is to be shared with those who are less fortunate. We want you to know that you make a tremendous difference for many through your contributions to us. This is the work to which God calls each and all of us! We hope you appreciate how much comfort and healing comes to others through your efforts, witness, and sacrifice.

Thank you for touching the chords and creating the harmonies of compassion, justice, and mercy that vibrate in our world and on into eternity.

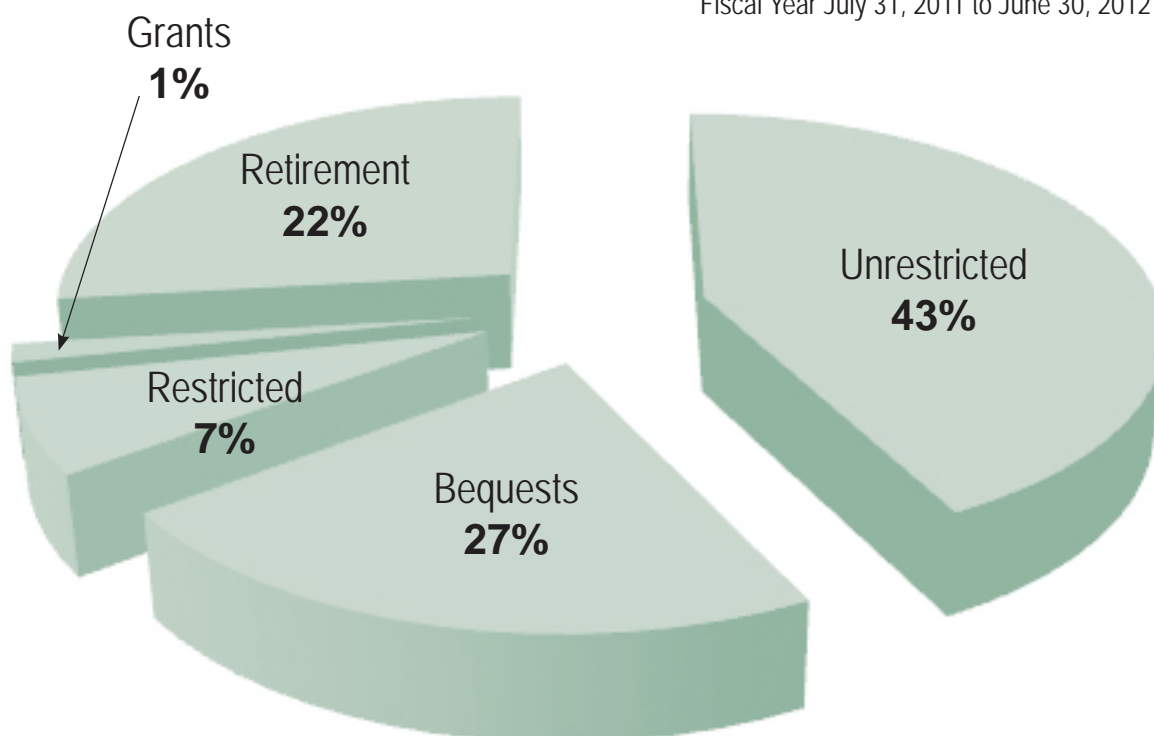
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—Edwin Hubbell Chapin



Your generosity at work ...

Fiscal Year July 31, 2011 to June 30, 2012



2011–2012 Fiscal Year		
Category	Revenue	Percent
Unrestricted	\$195,483	43%
Retirement	102,359	22%
Restricted	31,784	7%
Grants	6,250	1%
Bequests	123,378	27%
Total Revenue	\$459,254	100%

FUND DESIGNATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS

UNRESTRICTED funds account for 43 percent of the revenue received during FY 2011–2012. These funds allow the Community to use them wherever the need is the greatest, including, but not limited to, medical care of the Sisters and maintenance and upkeep of the grounds.

RETIREMENT funds account for 22 percent of funds received. They are used for the current and future care of all the Sisters.

RESTRICTED funds account for 7 percent of the funds received and may be used to support those Sisters who are serving the poor directly or those who are engaged in ministries that do not receive adequate compensation; for example, the *Sister Florine Dannhardt Memorial Endowment Fund* was started by William C. Meier in memory of his fifth-grade teacher Sister Florine. This year, interest from the fund generated \$1,014 for the Providence Heights Alpha School, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence, and will be used to enhance their music program.

GRANTS account for 1 percent of the funds received, and during this fiscal year, the grants were either for the greatest need or the Sisters' retirement needs.

BEQUESTS are gifts that individuals leave to the Sisters of Divine Providence through their wills or estate plans. Funds received account for 27 percent of revenue received during this fiscal year. By partnering with the Sisters of Divine Providence, these individuals helped create a more compassionate, just, and peaceful world, and helped ensure that the mission of the Sisters continues for future generations. They are members of the Providence Legacy Society.

For more information on the *Providence Legacy Society*, remembering the Sisters of Divine Providence in your will or other planned gift options, please contact Patricia A. Malinowski at 412-963-6315 or Ana G. Schulz at 314-209-9181. Various options for giving are also explored in great detail throughout the *Ways to Give* portion of our website.

Funds received during fiscal year 2011–2012 are for the entire Marie de la Roche Province. We are grateful to our donors for their support. A donor list is available on our website.

Pictured on front: from left, Sisters Clarice Carlson and Patricia Ann Moffett make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Operation Safety Net; Sisters Wendolyn López Santos, Sally Vega Alvarado, and Karina Conrad participate in a sleep-in for the homeless awareness night.