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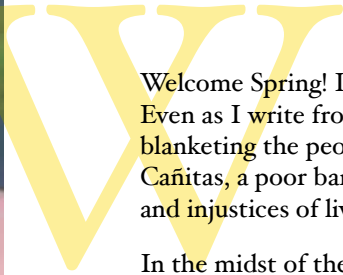
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Welcome Spring! It has truly been a long, arduous winter everywhere in our country. Even as I write from our mission in the Dominican Republic, the last blast of winter is blanketing the people who live in the northeast with snow, sleet, and ice. Here in Las Cañitas, a poor barrio of Santo Domingo, the people struggle daily to survive the poverty and injustices of lives in a political system that is apathetic to their situation and needs.

In the midst of the upheavals, challenges, and suffering of all these realities, where do we look for light? What can bring new life? In whom do we have hope?

At San Martin Misión, where our Sisters offer caring, presence, and support, we meet elderly women and men who live nearby in tiny one- or two-room homes, where they have so little; some even lack the essentials of bathrooms and cooking facilities, of water and light. Here, at this center, they come together, talking, sharing, praying, enjoying each other, and partaking in a nourishing lunch prepared especially for them. At noon, three children arrive from school. They, too, have needs, for help, caring, and a substantial meal that they would not otherwise have.

Others also drop in with special requests. One woman brings a large, very old bible, hoping it can be repaired with a new binding and cover. Another stops by asking for medicine to get rid of the lice her daughter carries. A third needs birth certificates for her grandchildren, for whom she is the primary parent. Without these papers, the children really don't exist, according to the state, and cannot get the education that would give them opportunities to move beyond their gripping destitution.

The people's requests change daily. Each response of the Sisters and the church here is given respectfully and with compassion—the same love that was shown by Jesus as he met the people on his journey through Galilee and Samaria.

Our God of Providence meets us on the road of our lives. We journey through cold, fear, hunger, doubt, and darkness. Our compassionate God surprises us with presence and support, through the sensitivity and generosity of loved ones and strangers. In these moments, the struggles are overcome by peace and hope, life and joy.

God allowed Jesus, the Christ, to suffer, even unto death, and then destroyed death by raising him up to be with us in presence, grace, and peace. This is our hope, that when we, like Jesus, face mortal danger, suffer loss, struggle with the judgments of others and the challenges of daily living, God promises to be with us, to give light and hope.

The cycles of nature remind us that the sun follows the rain, that blossoms and birdsong follow the fury of winter storms, the starkness of poverty. The experiences of our lives teach us the truths of faith's promises. God is here, in us, among us, with us, always!

In the midst of upheaval, challenge, poverty, and suffering, we look to God and those whose lives are dedicated to God, for light and hope. Let us rejoice in God's promises and God's goodness. Let us share our hope, our joy, our gifts with others, whatever their needs or struggles. God offers us grace and peace to be given away to those with even greater need for experiences of new life. Alleluia, Christ is risen!



Becoming a Woman of Providence

by Jean Dennison, Executive Director, Office of Mission Advancement

OFTEN, THOSE OF US WHO WORK AND MINISTER IN RELIGIOUS life forget that we speak a language that may be unfamiliar to the layperson, a language that is sometimes referred to as nunspeak. The area of vocation awareness provides lots of opportunity for nunspeak. Terms like “incorporation,” or “formation,” or “discernment,” or “novitiate,” are used in explaining the process by which a woman first explores whether she is called to religious life, and the subsequent journey that she undertakes on her way to becoming a vowed religious.

What Is Formation?

The word “formation,” derived from the Latin verb *formare*, which would mean “to mould,” is often used to describe the process of becoming a vowed religious. It goes beyond the concept of education or instruction and should be understood as a process that brings about a transformation in the person and that affects the person’s entire existence. In this sense, formation is a lifelong process.

While many communities use the term Formation, the Sisters of Divine Providence now use the term Initial Incorporation to denote those who have entered the Community recently and are still incorporating into

the Community as a whole. According to Sister Elena Almendárez, vocation coordinator and director of mission and ministry at La Roche College, “Ongoing formation is something that we all have a responsibility for as we grow in our relationship with God. Being in a religious community affords us a lot of opportunities for cultivating this growth. All the programs, prayer, retreats, and even our informal conversations and faith sharing, add to our ongoing formation.”

Today, many of the women entering have had these experiences of faith as lay people exploring their spiritual life. In prior years, when women entered religious communities at a much younger age, they did not have such opportunities. Incorporation/Formation is an ongoing process for all members, but the process followed by those who are just joining and incorporating themselves, from the beginning through to perpetual vows, is unique to that time in religious life.

When a woman decides to begin the journey toward becoming a Sister, she begins the initial incorporation process and must be open to a process of transformation. Typically, the woman has had some prior contact with the Community or a Sister in the Community. The first step

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Novice Director Sister Maura Luffy (center), with (from left) Temporary Professed Sisters Bertshabé Palamino Montalvo, Sally Vega Alvarado, Wendolyn López Santos, and Karina Conrad.

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is to be accepted as an Inquirer, and this time is devoted to inquiring about what it means to live the life of a vowed religious. This process of discernment is done with a vocation director. Sometimes the only way to know if something is the right fit is to learn more and spend time trying it out. Inquirers visit, share prayer and meals with the Sisters, and spend short periods living in community with the Sisters. This initial period lasts at least three months.

Pre-Novitiate Candidate and Novice

Once the Inquirer and the Community discern that the Inquirer is ready to enter the formal process of becoming a Sister, the next step is to become a Pre-Novitiate Candidate. At this time, the woman would live in community with the Sisters and enter their life more fully while having a Sister-mentor with whom to continue discernment. This period typically lasts six months to a year. Sister Judy Connor, who professed final vows in 2004,

recalls those days with fondness. “My mentor was Sister Ida Mary Lutz,” says Sister Judy. “Whatever I know about what it means to be a gentle presence, I learned from Sister Ida Mary.”

When a candidate is received into the novitiate, a more intense process of incorporation begins. In this period, the Novice would engage in two years of prayer and begin to study theology, Scripture, the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and how they relate to her daily life, and holistic living. It would be during this time that the Novice would study the Community’s history, founders, and charism in great detail. Novices continue to discern their vocation with the Community and are given opportunities to learn about and experience various Community ministries. They might spend some time ministering in one of the sponsored ministries. During her novitiate, Sister Wendolyn López Santos spent time with Sisters Maxine Tancaitor and Thérésine Gildea in their pastoral ministry in North Carolina. Of her experience, Sister Wendolyn says, “My experience with Sisters

Maxine and Thérésine in North Carolina gave me the opportunity to minister with a bilingual community. It was a blessing to see God’s Providence among the people at the Parish.”

First Vows

Once the novitiate is completed and the Novice and Community have discerned that the woman is called to do so, the Novice professes temporary or first vows. The Sister professes vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience for a designated period of time. Temporary professed Sisters devote the next three to six years integrating all they have learned with the lived experience of religious life.



From left, Sisters Maxine Tancaitor, Wendolyn López Santos, and Thérésine Gildea celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in Clinton, North Carolina.

Perpetually Professed Sister

The final step in initial incorporation is the profession of perpetual vows. At this time, a public commitment is made to live the vows as a Sister of Divine Providence for life. The Sister is expected to live in community, minister full time, and continue to deepen her relationship with God through prayer.

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Sister Gladys Segovia León (left) with Sister Mary Francis Fletcher at her profession of final vows in 2008.

Then ...

On a Sunday afternoon in 1945, women interested in the possibility of entering the Community were invited by Sisters who knew us to a musical being presented by the Postulants and Novices entitled *The Wise and Foolish Virgins*. The voices, music, and lyrics still echo in my ears. “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, and all may enter in whose lamps are strong and burning.”

That was “vocation recruiting” then! A further invitation to join the Novitiate for liturgy stoked the embers of my young heart ... the white veils and bonnets ... the mystery-filled chapel space and the fresco of the eye of God in the sanctuary, as well as the angelic voices of those many Novices and Postulants reaching out to me. What sensitive, young 15-year-old woman could resist the call to be drawn ever more deeply into a relationship with the Mysterious One for God’s people? The need to give up dating and dances, my meager bank savings and a war bond, paled in the light of the fire that was being enkindled within me.

Then came the exciting day of entrance into the Community and the donning of my Postulant habit. I was now a member who could join that choir and sing in the aesthetically mysterious holy space of the chapel every day. Classes of entrants were large. There were more than 80 young women in the Postulancy and Novitiate programs.

The theology of religious life, which served as a framework for formation in that historical epoch, was reflected in the bareness of the living spaces. No carpeting, drapes, or expressions of art could be found, other than the statues and crucifix that each of us was given to place on our pillow. We were challenged to empty *self* of everything that might stand in the way of being filled with God’s love, spirit, and power for discipleship. “He must increase and we must decrease.”



Sister Anne Winschel, circa 1950s

Our novice director’s desire to develop the Spirit of Jesus within us during our formation was enfolded through many external practices. There were private prayers for everything: for rising, for dressing, for walking up and down steps, when making our beds. There was

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National Catholic Sisters Week

by Pam Greer, Communications Coordinator

NNATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK was celebrated March 8–14 as part of Women’s History Month. The initiative was part of a national campaign to raise awareness of women religious, made possible by a \$3.3 million grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Rosemarie Nassif, SSND, director of The Catholic Sisters Initiative, proposed a plan to the Foundation to raise the visibility of women religious and was instrumental in obtaining the grant.

The weekend of March 7–9 was the inaugural event at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn., that brought together college-age women and women religious from various congregations. The objective of the event was to form a network of the two groups and to engage young women in conversations about religious life and the use of social media in promoting vocations. Broadcast journalist Soledad O’Brien led a panel discussion on discernment called “Sisters Stories: How Did I Know?” The young college women will connect with a Sister to record her untold story, thus creating a thread of oral histories throughout the many congregations.

Sisters Elena Almendárez and Karina Conrad attended the inaugural event at St. Catherine University with two La Roche College students, Sydney Harsh and Stephanie Wizorek.

La Roche College, located in McCandless Township, Pa., is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence. Sister Maria Clara Kreis also attended the event with a student from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

When asked what they hoped to take away from the experience, Sydney said, “I want to go because I enjoy meeting new people and connecting with them. I find it interesting that we get the opportunity to tell the story of a Sister within our community.” Stephanie said, “I decided to attend because I was intrigued and wanted to see what it would be like. I feel like this will be the spiritual experience I’ve been searching for, and I hope to grow closer to God and Our Lady. This trip is their way of telling me to come back home.”

Upon their return home, Sister Elena said that the weekend was a wonderful experience that nourished the spirit with hope and ideas. She was most touched that the La Roche students took such an interest in listening to the stories about the Sisters and were honored by what they heard. She said, “It gave them a better appreciation for all that the Sisters have done to fulfill their mission.”

Sydney said, “My experience at St. Catherine’s University for National Catholic Sisters Week was not like any other experience I had before. It opened my eyes, inspiring me to reach out to the community and share the stories of Sisters within the community. I learned how social media has a great impact on sharing those stories not only with the community, but with anyone throughout the world. I also learned that most people see nuns as this horrible stereotypical figure; however, in fact, they are not. They are much more than that. They are a crucial part of history that was forgotten about, pushed away. The weekend exceeded my expectations because it inspired me and opened my eyes to the part of history that was left unwritten.”

Sister Elena concluded, “Although there was a foot of snow on the ground outside, the spirit and affection of the many students and Sisters shared within the University brought warmth to the weekend. We all look forward to collecting the oral histories of Catholic Sisters to preserve the blessing and inspiration they have been and continue to be.”



[top] From left, Sister Karina Conrad, La Roche students Sydney Harsh and Stephanie Wizorek, and Sister Elena Almendárez

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Reaching Today's Candidates

Sister Elena feels a passion for apostolic religious life and loves sharing the story of Sisters of Divine Providence. "Our Sisters are amazing, and they have great stories to tell about how Providence has shaped their lives. I want to invite women to join this great story," she said. "And given all the new technologies available, we have incredible ways to share the stories and extend the invitations."

The average age among women professing final vows in 2011 was 39. Reaching interested women and girls proves challenging in today's reality. Sister Elena said, "It is balancing how we reach out and share our story with school-age children, young adults, and mature women, all of whom are people that are in relationship with us."



Sisters Elena Almendaréz, vocation coordinator and director of mission and ministry at La Roche College (left), and Veronica Gumja Kim, mentor director.

Sisters Are All Vocation Ministers

According to a 2010 survey (The Profession Class of 2010: Survey of Women Religious Professing Perpetual Vows, December 2010), 87 percent of women entering religious life were encouraged to consider their vocation by someone in their life. More than half of those say they were encouraged by a religious Sister. Sister Jeanne Morris is one of the area vocation contact persons; she is in the Kingston area. It is Sister Jeanne's belief that every Sister of Divine Providence is responsible to acquire new life for the Community. "My work as an area vocation contact person is to present the option of religious life through my ministry of education and teaching. My actions and

life lived as a Sister of Divine Providence are an outward sign of who the Community is. I also belong to a group called Fiat, a cooperative project of women religious in the Archdiocese of Boston that meets monthly to provide a discernment evening for single women considering vocation to religious life. I have shared information about our Community ministries and charism."

Sister Elena also believes that each Sister in the Community is called to give a witness to what it means to be a Woman of Providence. "This manifests itself wherever there is a CDP, whether she is ministering at a sponsored institution or studying somewhere earning her own degree, whether she is involved in prayer ministry or teaching others to pray in our retreat ministries," said Sister Elena. "When someone encounters a Sister of Divine Providence, that person will encounter Providence."

Hope for the Future

Sister Elena has brought an openness to women who are inquiring and an ability to listen to their stories, which had developed over the eleven years she has spent in vocation ministry. She finds it most rewarding to journey with women as they discern their call in life. "Some women discern into the community, some discern out," said Sister Elena, "but for each woman to find the truth for herself, is rewarding."

This is a time of great transition in the Church, as well as for apostolic religious life. Sister Elena's hope is that as the Community moves through the challenges, they can hold fast to the mission while also finding new ways to use their resources so that the Community can continue to meet evolving needs.

Sister Lisa Paffrath facilitates meetings and conference calls with the vocation contacts: Sisters Kathy Matz in Detroit, Elsa Medina Rivera in Puerto Rico, Wendolyn López Santos in Pittsburgh, and Jeanne Morris in Kingston.

Vocation office volunteers: Sisters Bernadette Duman and Ann Catherine Fuchs

Remembering

WITH SISTER MYRA RODGERS
AND KEN DANCHIK ...



Sister Myra Rodgers and Ken Danchik at the 2013 Jubilee Liturgy

Ken Danchik is a 1972 graduate of Saint Basil High School in Carrick, Pa., and is currently the organist at Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sister Myra Rodgers is the Director of Mission Integration for the Sisters of Divine Providence. She began her ministry in the classroom and taught at both the high school and college level. She served a number of years in Community leadership, including General Superior of the Congregation (1999–2007), and she also has served as Director of Liturgy and Music. Sister Myra taught at St. Basil's from 1963–77.

KEN: We all knew that Sister Myra Rodgers was an exceptional teacher. The 1960s and early 1970s were a time of great flowering of popular culture and of the Vatican II Church. As students at St. Basil Parish High School in Carrick (a southern suburb of Pittsburgh), we enjoyed Sister Myra's "Related Arts" class. Offered to freshman and sophomores, it introduced us to the exciting world of theater, dance, music, and art. In chorus we sang music from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Godspell*, and choral standards. Simon and Garfunkle's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and "Scarborough Fair" were two especially meaningful selections. We learned about the changing Vatican II Church and sang music for the new folk Mass. We watched Sister Myra gradually shed the vestiges of her traditional habit and become dressed as "one of us." Our high school musicals and theater offerings were grand productions of popular Broadway repertoire. Our high school dances were important social events. Sister Myra was a guiding light in these endeavors: always encouraging, always available to the students.

SISTER MYRA: Ken was an excellent student, always prepared and eager to learn. I delighted in teaching him and always felt that he would be an excellent musician. After he graduated from St. Basil's, I followed his career from afar, watching as he matriculated at Duquesne University, then on to organist in a parish, and finally to the diocesan Cathedral. Recently, I heard that he was accepted into the American Guild of Organists—a very distinguished group, indeed!

KEN: Of course, other members of the Congregation of Divine Providence were important mentors and examples of scholarship and faith. We were truly blessed to be taught and nurtured by these dedicated women.

SISTER MYRA: There was more to Ken than just his love of music and his artistry. He was always a gentleman, a good Catholic, and a good student. Today, I enjoy receiving his yearly letter and learning about his family—musicians and artists all. Needless to say, I am very proud of him and was brought to tears of joy as I listened to him playing the prelude, processional, and recessional for our jubilee celebration last August.

KEN: As my piano teacher, and later organ teacher, Sister Myra introduced me to the great masters: Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Chopin, Gershwin, and others. She was especially patient when I was struggling, and she provided opportunities for me to offer my talents as accompanist for the school choruses and musicals. I continue to perform piano and organ works that I studied many years ago with Sister Myra.

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SISTER MYRA: A student like Ken comes along once in a lifetime. Many of us never get to know about the influence we have had on our students. Ken’s words of appreciation are humbling and are a gift that I wish every teacher could experience. I loved St. Basil’s and teaching high school there. The students made our ministry there a challenge and a delight. Ken exhibited the best of what St. Basil’s asked of its teachers. Thank you, Ken, for all that you bring to your ministry in the Church, to your family, and to all of us who know you.

KEN: Forty years after graduating from high school, my admiration for Sister Myra grows with the appreciation that she truly was a remarkable teacher. When I cook with “parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme,” I think of Sister Myra with great affection and thanks!

Do you have a fond memory of one of the Sisters of Divine Providence that you would like to share? If so, please email Pam Greer at pgreer@cdpsisters.org or call 412-318-3329.



Sister Myra directs music class at St. Basil's, circa late 1960s



Giving Back to the Community

by Pam Greer, Communications Coordinator

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, SISTER Karina Conrad and four La Roche College students (Nichole DeSantis, Rebecca Lostetter, Gilbert Uwineza, and Kungù Njunge) volunteered at Repurposed, a thrift store in an indoor mall in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Repurposed was started by Living in Liberty, an anti-human trafficking organization in Pittsburgh that works to provide aftercare for women and children rescued from the commercial sex industry. Living in Liberty was founded by Elizabeth Echevarria. The organization's purpose is to help eradicate human trafficking altogether. Repurposed, staffed exclusively by volunteers, collects donations from individuals and church groups, and then resells the clothing, shoes, housewares, and furniture to help support Living in Liberty. Repurposed provides job training to help rehabilitate victims of trafficking, and works to promote awareness of human trafficking in the Pittsburgh area.

Every Tuesday, as part of the La Roche Experience, Sister Karina takes a different group of volunteer students to Repurposed from 5-7 p.m. Upon arrival, the students meet with one of the store volunteers who explains the mission of Repurposed and their partnership with Living in Liberty. The students are then assigned to different duties, which might include tagging clothing with prices and hanging it on displays, or separating the shoes that will be priced for sale from those in poor condition, which will be offered at no cost.

La Roche College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation, and around the world. The College empowers all members of its community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers, and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing global society.

The La Roche Experience provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the larger community in which they are a part:

the founding Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence. The students learn how the Sisters have helped to propel La Roche College from a small local resource, when it was founded in 1963, into a viable and respected educational institution.

To make a donation to Repurposed, located at 8000 McKnight Road, you can stop by the store daily between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. or call 412-548-3755. To learn more about Living in Liberty and to join the fight against human trafficking, visit livinginliberty.org.



[top] La Roche students (l-r) Kungù Njunge, Nichole DeSantis, and Gilbert Uwineza tag clothing at Repurposed

[below] La Roche student Rebecca Lostetter (left) and Sister Karina Conrad separate shoes that will be priced for sale





CELEBRATING THE centenarians



Dolores Elizabeth Werling (birthday celebrated February 3, 2014)



Sister Victorine Verosky (birthday celebrated July 22, 2013)



Website Redesign!

THE SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE launched their new website on December 20, 2013. As you can see from the screen capture, the home page has a bright, new interface. The redesign by CEDC (The Center for Educational Design & Communication) offers easy navigation, with a drop-down menu at the top of the page, as well as a better flow of information. New features include Meet Us, where you can learn about our Sisters in sponsored and other various ministries, and Find a Sister: If you're trying to locate a Sister from years gone by, just fill out the simple form and submit it, and someone will get back to you with the information you requested. By clicking on one of the photos in the home page rotator, you will be taken to that particular page.



Icons linking you to the Sisters on Facebook, Flickr (photo albums), Twitter, and the Justice for Life blog are readily available at the top of each page. And donating to the Sisters is as easy as clicking the "Donate Now" button!

So be sure to visit us at cdpsisters.org!



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2014



From left, Sisters Jean René Seiler, Doris Kretzler, Catherine Frost, Donna Tracy, and Marilyn McMillin represented the Sisters of Divine Providence at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 15.



Then ...

an horarium that brought us together in community for the Office, Liturgy, Meditation, Examen, Visit Prayers, Spiritual Reading in common. Silence was a must if we were to grow in a contemplative spirit in this monastic setting. There were monthly retreat days and the Chapter of Faults designed to keep us honest and humble in our journeys in the formation period. Investment, Temporary Profession, and Final Vows were group ceremonies. While never intended, it became a sort of “making the grade.”

There really weren't ministry choices or educational curriculum tracks to select from

back then. The needs of the local Church and the Community's responsibility to find teachers for parish schools or a hospital became the mediums through which our apostolic ministries and “obedience” appointed us and sent us out to serve God's people.

In 1966, a phone call to a happy, satisfied teacher in the prime of her career at Bishop McCourt High School, called me to a new ministry in the Community as the novice director. It came as a shock to discover that little had changed in the basic Formation Process from the time I had entered.



Postulant wearing a simple veil, circa 1954



Novice wearing white veil



Postulants wearing bonnet, circa 1950

JOIN WITH THE SISTERS AND HELP ... Make the Impossible Possible

by Patricia A. Malinowski, Director of Development

This year's annual appeal reminds us how the Sisters of Divine Providence make the impossible possible!

The notion of "no excuse of impossibility," from the Thomas à Kempis quote "Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility ..." exemplifies how the Sisters of Divine Providence fulfill the Community's mission to "serve the needs of the times." The Sisters are a constant and loving presence to others and are called upon to find ways in which to make the impossible happen.

Our recent annual appeal focuses on how the Sisters, like Sister Roberta Grzelak, are the face of God's Providence to others. To make a real difference, to affect real change, requires dedication and commitment, in addition to hard work and sacrifice. This is what the Sisters do. It can happen when the message of hope is shared with families in crisis, or when comfort is given to someone who is alone or lonely. Like Sister Roberta, these Sisters are present every day in the lives of those they serve.

Since many of the Sisters work in economically disadvantaged areas, ministering to the most vulnerable, with no salary or a reduced salary, they need your help. Through your generosity, when you join with the Sisters financially, and with your prayerful support, the day-to-day work of the Sisters can make the impossible possible. Use the enclosed envelope to make a one-time or monthly donation, or go online to cdpsisters.org and click on the Donate Now button.

Transitions in the Office of Mission Advancement

Changes have occurred in the Office of Mission Advancement. Effective March 28, the two leadership positions within the office, executive director, held by Jean Dennison (16 years), and my position as director of development (21 years), were eliminated. Jean and I are most grateful to have been of faithful service in communicating our stories and the mission of the Sisters to our readers.

In this transition, one new director position will be created.

*Please remember the
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in your will or estate
planning.*

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In Memory



Sister Rosaria Bednar
March 10, 2014

***The Sisters of Divine Providence also
remember Associates ...***

Fr. Donald McIlvane
February 16, 2014

Mary Helen Kennedy
February 18, 2014

Florence Duperre
March 9, 2014

Mildred Brown
April 9, 2014

Contributions in memory of Sisters and Associates can be sent to Development Office, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, Pa. 15101.

To make contributions in memory of Sister Rosaria Bednar, you can donate online at cdpsisters.org. To read more about our deceased Sisters, visit us online and click Sisters/In Memory.



A Providence Woman
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of those who **remember...**



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Mission Statement

We, the Congregation of Divine Providence, impelled by the Spirit of Jesus, commit ourselves to co-create a world of compassion, justice and peace. Guided by the legacy of Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler and Marie de la Roche, we nurture in ourselves and in others a trust and confidence in God's faithful presence.

We further commit ourselves to making God's Providence more visible in our world.

The Sisters of Divine Providence is an international congregation of three provinces (Germany, American-Caribbean, Korea) and one region (Peru) with approximately 500 vowed members and 200 Associates. Since its founding in Finthen, Germany in 1851, the Congregation has expanded its ministries to meet the needs of the times in education, health care, pastoral care, social work, campus ministry, work among those who are poor or homeless, and peace and justice concerns.

Save the Date

PROVIDENCE CONNECTIONS BACKYARD BARBEQUE

Friday, June 20, 5-9 p.m.
Rivertowne Brewing Hall of Fame Club, PNC Park
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ROOM AT THE INN'S FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, October 6
Sponsored by Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Westborough Country Club
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