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## **Sisters of Divine Providence Provincial Chapter Elects New Marie de la Roche Province Leadership Team**

**Pittsburgh – August 9, 2016** – The Sisters of Divine Providence are pleased to announce the 2016-2021 Provincial Leadership Team that was elected during the Community’s fourth Provincial Chapter held July 30 - August 7 in Pittsburgh. Sister Michele Bisbey was elected as Provincial Director, and Sister Mary Traupman was elected as Assistant to the Provincial. Sisters Alice Marie Lyon, Donna Marie Gribschaw and Ana Lydia Sonera Matos were elected as Provincial Councillors.

The outgoing Provincial Leadership Team of Sisters Mary Francis Fletcher, Provincial Director; Maria Fest, Assistant to the Provincial; and Provincial Councillors Donna Marie Gribschaw, Ana Lydia Sonera Matos and Mary Traupman served from 2012-2016.

Held every five years, Provincial Chapter is a time of discernment and prayer as the Community plans for the future of the Marie de la Roche Province— one of three provinces of the international Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

### **About the Sisters of Divine Providence**

Founded in Finthen, Germany, in 1851, the Sisters of Divine Providence is an international congregation of three provinces (Germany, United States-Caribbean, Korea) and one mission (Peru) with approximately 400 members and 200 Associates. The Sisters are women of varied and diverse backgrounds and talents, united in their deep trust in a Provident God who loves and cares for all creation. The Congregation has expanded its ministries to meet the needs of the times in education, campus ministry, health care, pastoral care, social work, peace and justice concerns, as well as serving the poor and homeless and those who are seeking asylum.