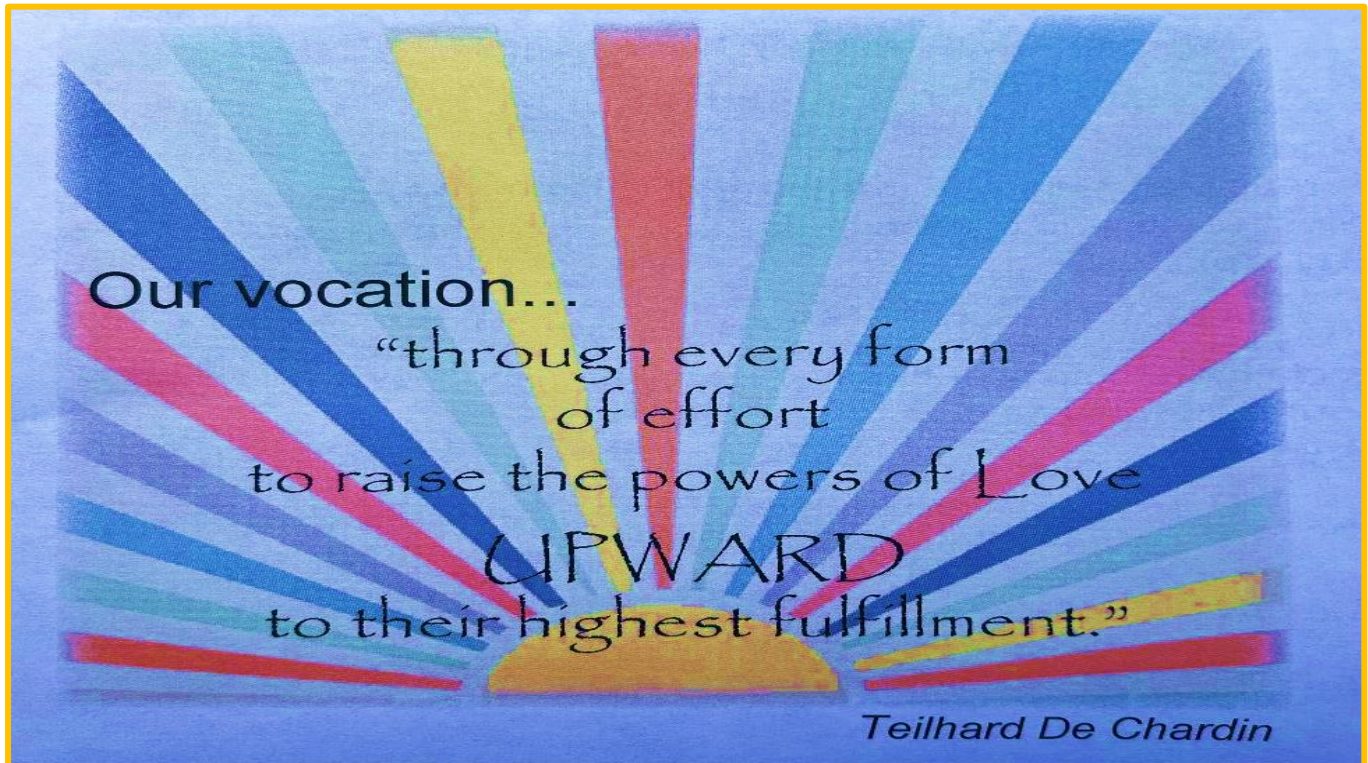


COMMUNITY NEWS –JUNE 2024



Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God

Confidently, joyfully, we go Forward!



CALENDAR

June 05	General leadership Meeting – Zoom
June 06	Sr. Selma returns to Brazil
June 09	Sr. Rute, Sr. Vandete, Sr. Lucia arrive in the US
June 10	Chapter Planning Committee (CPC) - Zoom
June 12-14	ACR – Canongate
June 15	Sister Janice Campbell 50 th Jubilee – St. Ursula Church
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday– Admin Office closed
June 24	Srs. Rute, Vandete, Lucia return to Brazil
June 25-July 11	Sr. Janet travels to Brazil for ACR, CPC meetings

BIRTHDAYS & FEAST DAYS



June 03	Ir. M. Suzana	B
June 13	Ir. M. Antonina	F



FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK – OUR VOICE FOR THE POOR

Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus, and the example of Saints Francis and Clare, the Franciscan Action Network is a collective Franciscan voice seeking to transform United States public policy related to peace making, care for creation, poverty, and human rights.



Truly it is in befriending our neighbors who are experiencing hard times and sharing with them that we become blessed, encountering the Christ present in each person. FAN is delighted to announce that our **annual benefit in June 2024 will be held in partnership with St. Francis Inn**, a Franciscan Eucharistic community that ministers with people who are poor and unhoused in Philadelphia, PA. In early June, FAN staff and friends will spend a day at St. Francis Inn, serving dinner and learning from the guests about the circumstances that lead to economic hardship, as well as what helps people endure and overcome. FAN will also make a generous contribution to the work of St. Francis Inn.

Our community contributed \$1,000 to Franciscan Action Network this year as our way of speaking for the poor through the resource of FAN and its activities on behalf of those who are marginalized.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AT NATIVITY CONVENT

Once again, our sisters gathered at Nativity convent for the Memorial Day picnic, a time to begin the summer months and share an afternoon together. Of course, there were sufficient hamburgers and hotdogs grilled by Sister Mary Ann. Beans from Sister Peg and buns provided by Sister Hilaria topped off the snacks and salad. There was even a donated special chocolate mousse cake!



EMPLOYEES ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR OPERATIONS

Even with only 14 sisters, we still have a lot of administrative needs as a religious community. We are blessed to have four wonderful employees who help keep our community operations running smoothly.



Mimi DiGregory, our Administrative Secretary, is the “switchboard” of all that happens. With us for 27 years, she is invaluable in assisting Sister Janet with the administrative needs of the community, while handling the requests of our sisters. She is adept at creating the artwork on cards, memos, prayer services and beyond. And, of course, she’s ready to assist at any time.

Robyn Moeller, our Development and Communications Director, has been with us for 19 years. She maintains the database of our donors, writing the thank you letters in Sister Janet’s name. Robyn is responsible for publishing the Whitehall Franciscan and maintaining our website and Facebook page. She coordinates all the funding requests and our Franciscan Fest each year. She also represents us on a committee of the national Alliance to End Human Trafficking and the local religious communicators group.



Dave Domostoy, our Maintenance Director, who has been with us for 39 years, is our all-purpose man. Fixing anything is his great gift. Solving computer and phone problems, hauling furniture with each of our moves and being ready to help at a moment’s notice is his specialty.

Jayne McDonald, our Community Nurse, is the newest member of our Healthcare Team, but has already made her mark. Jayne is truly on top of the medical needs of our Sisters. Making and accompanying sisters to medical appointments, coordinating plans of care and ordering needs medicines are all part of her routine. She regularly visits our sisters in care facilities and those needing extra assistance.



‘Rounding out our office staff are the financial accountants from the Donnelly-Boland firm. **Ray Tokar** is the very adept supervisor for our account. We just welcomed **Braden Pavlik** who is in the office twice a week to process our accounts and pay our bills. He is also responsible for our healthcare plan.

What would we do without these wonderful colleagues and friends? There is no end to the assistance they so willingly give. They truly have Franciscan hearts.

US BISHOPS SEEK TO REVIVE EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION



This is the third year of a national Eucharistic Revival proclaimed by the US bishops Conference. In this third-year pilgrimages from the four corners of the country will be processing through towns and country sides toward the great Revival to be held in Indianapolis in July

The Revival's website proclaims:

"In response to our prayers, the Holy Spirit is filling us with grace and zeal—setting our hearts ablaze with his love and sending us out to share it with the world.

The National Eucharistic Revival movement is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the Church in the United States to the divine invitation to be united once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Through the Eucharist, God desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

We will be taking time at our ACR to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist in our lives and the reminder to become what we eat. Our own TOR Rule reminds us:

"Let them participate in the sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ and receive His Body and Blood with great humility and reverence remembering the words of the Lord: "He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life". TOR Rule 12)

"Moreover, they are to show the greatest possible reverence and honor for the holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to his most sacred name and written words, through whom all things in heaven and on earth have been brought to peace and reconciliation with Almighty God. (TOR Rule 30-32)

Our local parishes have been offering opportunities to come closer to our Eucharistic Lord. The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our call to be eucharistic people, carrying the love of God to all we meet.

Sister Althea participated in the Eucharistic Liturgy and procession at St. Valentine Church on this Feast.

