

COMMUNITY NEWS –DECEMBER 2022



Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God

Confidently, joyfully, we go Forward!

"God is with us." Joshua 1.9cx



I am the reason for His coming. Wanted, desired, loved -- this is how I stand before God.
(Sr. M. Virginia)

Motherhouse Nativity

CALENDAR

December 01	General Leadership Meeting - Zoom
December 02	Sisters Place Members Meeting 1PM
December 05	Neumann-Bachmann Reps Meeting 10:30AM
December 08	Feast of the Immaculate Conception TOR Rule – 40 th Anniversary
December 10	Associate-Sisters Christmas Gathering, St. Germaine 11-2
December 16	Employee-Sister Christmas Party 12Noon Christmas Novena begins
December 23	Administration Office closed
December 25	Christmas – Feast of the Nativity
December 26-30	Administrative office closed

BIRTHDAYS & FEAST DAYS



December 09 S. Elise B

December 18 I. Maria Eunice B





CENTENNIAL YEAR OF REFLECTIONS CONCLUDES

For the last 12 months, our sisters have been reflecting on our journey through 100 years of life as Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God. Beginning in 1922 with Sisters residing in Millvale and various parishes while waiting for transfers to be approved and beginning the formation process in the Franciscan tradition to our celebrations throughout this Centennial Year, we have reflected upon the major events that have marked our communal life and ministries. We have savored the memory of so many of our Sisters no longer among us, their spirit and contributions to the good of those we served.

As we conclude this year of thankful reflections, let us now reaffirm our commitment to our life and mission, walking each day in the footsteps of Jesus, who has shown us the way: and of Francis and Clare who have shared their humble yet vigorous manner of living the Gospel.

A new century will soon begin. Let it build upon the past, but enter fully into the reality of our times and the challenges that call forth our best efforts to continue on this sacred path forward.

GENERAL LEADERSHIP ENDS THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

The end of the calendar year brings with it the necessary decisions for the coming year, particularly as they affect our sisters in Brazil. Appointments to both educational institutions and missions must be determined after conversations with each Sister and reviewing the needs of each local community.

General Chapter directions are also reviewed and planning for their implementation continues. Formation reports and evaluations bring one phase to an end and plans for the next begin to form.

And, at the General Leadership meetings this December, we were finally able to sign an agreement for the sale of several parcels of land adjacent to Pio XII School. This has been a 30-year effort by various leadership groups with several potential buyers. But all the pieces this time came together with an international company, Tegra, that hopes to build several apartment buildings on the land. It will still take a number of years to complete the project, but it is on its way forward.

Check out all the smiles of our attorney, Tegra representatives and Leadership members!



CELEBRATIONS ABOUND IN NOVEMBER!



A **90th Birthday** is certainly something to celebrate. The Sisters in the US did so with a flair to celebrate Sister M. Edward's special day. Gathered at Nativity convent with loads of decorations and smiles, the Sisters joined in a celebration of a life well lived. Sister Francine made sure the day was extra special for her "group".

You can't forget the special pleasures that come with **Thanksgiving Day**, celebrated religiously in the United States and as a day of gratitude in Brazil. While all were enjoying the traditional turkey and trimmings at Nativity Convent, Sister Janet relished in her chicken leg at Recanto Paz e Bem, knowing the "real thing" was awaiting her back home.



A long-time tradition at Pio XII School is to gather with each term of teachers for a special Thanksgiving gathering, replete with gifts of thanks for all they do throughout the year. Sisters Yolanda and Gloria always lead the groups in a prayer of thanks before sharing goodies.



And, the children and their families also remembered to give thanks on this special day, as they created turkeys with wings of all they are thankful for.

Centennial Memories

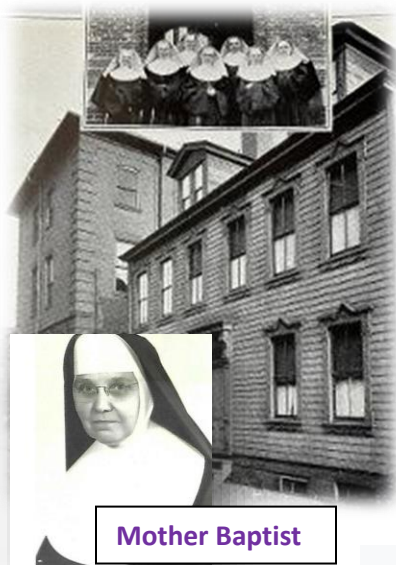
There are different gifts - but the same Spirit is the source of them all!

1 Cor 12:4

We are thankful for the wide variety of gifts each and every Sister has brought to our congregation over the years, from our humble beginnings on Larkins Way to our newest member with us today!



Sister Deise



Mother Baptist



Sister Joanne D.

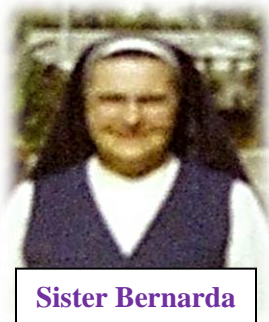


Sister Scholastica

Just a sampling of the wonderful women who have passed through our ranks over these 100 years!



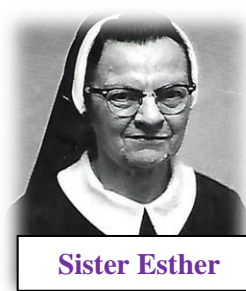
Sister Caroline



Sister Bernarda



Sister Gabrielle



Sister Esther