

# Provincial Team Report

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## Team Meeting — June 5-6

We begin by expressing deep gratitude to each of you for your expressions of support. We began our initial team meeting deeply aware of being blessed by your promise of prayer.

Coming together as a team coincided with the feast of Pentecost. Each day we began our meeting reflecting on the presence and power of the Spirit at work in our lives and in our world. We also remembered aloud the five sisters who celebrate birthdays in June.

We sought to balance our two days together between business needing our attention and visioning how we want to work as a team in this new model of leadership. As for business, we continued discussing the needs for prioresses in three communities. We gratefully accepted a large gift from a donor moved by what she read in the latest issue of *Laurels* about our long-standing ministries among those who are poor. We finalized our ongoing consideration of purchasing Cyber Insurance. Several appointments were made which you will read elsewhere in the PTR. Alms were

distributed in the name of the province to the following organizations: Feeding America, Grassroots Grocery, St. Francis Community Center, Institute for Peace and Justice, Beyond Sunday, and Dollar Help. We also were pleased to be able to make a contribution to the Ursulines in Venezuela.

Our time of visioning took several forms. It became immediately clear that we need to have patience and move slowly over the summer due

to the significant travel obligations we have. We worked on an overview of 2017-2020 to begin to see a Big Picture view of what lies ahead. Who knew that during these three years we'll have a Provincial Chapter, General Chapter,

and need to discern new province leadership? Fasten your seatbelts, everyone! Your promise of assistance and consultation is fresh in our ears and hearts.

The outpouring of the Spirit upon the whole community reminds us that we are not on an individual journey but a shared one. God calls us, compels us, to attend to the Spirit in one another.

~ Jan Richardson, *Pentecost: Fire and Breath*



## Provincial Team Dates

### Rita Ann

June 8-14 .....Dallas, PA  
Religious Law  
Institute

June 19-28 .....London, England  
English Speaking  
Provincials meeting

### Maria Teresa

June 29.....Springfield, IL  
Visit Loretto Home

### Jean

June 19-26 .....Retreat

June 29.....Springfield, IL  
Visit Loretto Home

July 3.....Team meeting

While Rita Ann is in England  
from June 19- 28,  
Maria Teresa will be the  
contact for province business.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 20.....World Refugee Day

October 6-9 .....USAOSU Roman Union Gathering

## Social Justice Notes

A recent article by Joan Chittister in the NCR – “Make America, America again” ([click here](#)) calls us to respond to the challenges of our times with action. She names a number of areas of deep concern. There is an invitation to act to restore the social welfare net. This could mean volunteering in summer programs for children or others at risk or writing to elected officials calling them to action. There is an invitation to act for our migrant brothers and sisters. This could be done by volunteering or supporting agencies that are of direct service or by supporting officials who are establishing “sanctuary” cities and states. It might be a call to be an activist for the planet. Above all, there is an underlying need for a change in the way our political structures are functioning. It is important that we find ways to remove “dark money” from our system, that voting rights be protected and fair representation be guaranteed. Groups like the League of Women Voters and Common Cause are working in these areas. It is challenging work, but absolutely necessary. Consider ways in which you can be active.

## Appointments

**Ann Mary Hasting**  
*Provincialate*  
(effective July 1, 2017)

**Karen Schwane**  
*San Antonio*



*Bon Voyage . . .*

. . . to Diane Fulgenzi and  
Madonna O’Hara who will  
be giving presentations and  
participating in the Meeting  
of Young Ursulines in Rome  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

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