Dear Friends of the Providence Community,

As I write this letter as part of our annual report to you our friends, our donors, I/we find ourselves enmeshed in the coronavirus pandemic. It is hard not to acknowledge this present crisis even though the focus of this letter is to reflect on this past year and offer thanks.

So often in these past weeks, I have heard statements like: “It is definitely NOT business as usual.” “This crisis has changed everything.” “We will never be the same.” Perhaps the greatest teaching of all has been the reality of the profound interconnectedness of all life on this planet. What happens in one part of the world does indeed have a monumental impact on life in another area.

Your kindness and generosity to us have that same kind of monumental impact. My awareness of that profound interconnectedness of all of us has deepened even more as I have reflected on the data and the stories provided in this annual report.

So, when you read about Sister Pat Mahoney volunteering with the Chicago Police Department and serving as a court advocate, please remember that YOU are connected to that work, YOU helped make it happen. When Sister Brigid Bonner is running all over the neighborhood in Louisville bringing and making communion, YOU are connected to that work, YOU helped make it happen.

WE are “Together in Mission.” Thank YOU for being part of that greater WE. We, the Sisters of Providence, are forever grateful.

With a promise of loving prayer for your good health and safety and of those you love,

Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP
General Superior

Your generous gifts of your money, time, prayers and loving support allow the Sisters of Providence to extend God’s loving care to a world in need. You make a difference with us.

We minister in 13 states. Washington, D.C., and Taiwan.

241 individual volunteers and 12 groups who support us with your time and love

The thousands who follow us and share our posts on social media to help introduce us to others

And all who offer their prayers for us and for our mission.

God bless you all!
Funding our Mission
Your contributions and grants

Total $5,141,720

- **Bequests**: Money received from estates of deceased friends
- **Major & planned gift solicitations**: Annuity income and major gifts
- **Collections**: Alumnae associations and mission appeal gifts
- **Mail**: Monies received through mail with no appeal code
- **Website**: Monies given online via the Sisters of Providence website
- **Wakes and memorial gifts**
- **Miscellaneous gifts**: Monies received from sisters, donation boxes, remembrance card program, etc.
- **Special appeals**: Mail with appeal codes, Adopt an alpaca, matching gifts
- **HOPE**: Money collected in HOPE magazine envelopes
- **Events**: Sponsorships, golf scramble, donations at gates for Earth Day and Fall Farm days
- **Phonathon 2019**: Fundraising calls made to donors
- **Grants**: Money applied for and awarded from charitable giving organizations

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**Havlik Center** – A significant gift from the family of Sister Terese Marie Havlik plus a grant from Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) and other generous donor gifts allowed a room that had suffered water damage (along with adjacent storage rooms and a kitchen), to be remodeled to support activities by all sisters, but especially those with neuro-cognitive challenges (dementia).
What exactly do your contributions support?

**Sister Brigid Ann Bonner**
offers a ministry in and around her neighborhood in Louisville, Kentucky. She takes Eucharist to the sick and dying, lectors at Mass, visits with and prays with grieving families at the funeral home, and visits parishioners and their friends in nursing homes and helps a Vietnamese parishioner learn English.

**Sister Mary Lou Ruck**
puts to use dementia-related training offered at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She helps people living with dementia to use a special interactive computer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

**Sister Joseph Ellen Keitzer**
offers a “ministry of presence” among the African American community on the west side of Chicago. She encourages and walks with community members, attending funerals and keeping in touch with the family afterward, visiting those in nursing homes, offering support to people released from prison and writing character references for people seeking jobs, scholarships and grants.

In addition to vocation ministry in Asia, **Sister Delan Mā** helps bring food, supplies and comfort to ill and elderly people around her who are in need.

In 2019, **Sister Emily TeKolste** taught Catholic social teaching to about 90 high school seniors and theology to high school sophomores. Today she serves as a grassroots mobilization specialist for the Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice in Washington, D.C.

**Sister Kathleen Desautels**
leads a weekly reflective gathering with women inmates at a Federal prison in Chicago.

In 2015, **Sister Mary Catherine Guiler** “continues Mother Theodore’s primary ministry” in education by serving as a substitute teacher here in the all-girls school she retired from in 2015.

In 2019, **Sister Marilyn Baker** teaches in the Intensive English Program at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She volunteers teaching English as a Second Language in her parish.

In 2015, **Sister Clelia Cecchetti** coordinates Eucharistic Ministers for the sick and homebound in her parish in Laurel, Maryland.

**Sister Marion Baker**
teaches in the Intensive English Program at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

**Sister Joseph Fillenwarth**
volunteers teaching English as a Second Language in her parish. She offers prayers and support to people around her at weekday and Sunday Mass and on her metro commute.

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