



Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God
Confidently, Joyfully, We Go Forward!

November 20, 2017

Dear St. Francis Academy Alumnae,

We are grateful that, as St. Francis Academy Alumnae, you share our connection and concern for our former motherhouse property. In early November, Penn Cove Group Capital presented proposed plans for the property with the Whitehall Planning Commission, which was reported in the *Post-Gazette*. While we do not know what from this proposal will make it into the final plans, we wish to share with you our current efforts concerning the property.

As part of our ongoing dialog with Penn Cove, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God are presently exploring the possibility of a new building on the property for the Franciscan Child Day Care Center. We are in the process of gathering and reviewing information to help us make a decision that is in best interest of our children, families and caregivers, which will also enable us to continue our presence in Pittsburgh's South Hills.

As you have all shown us, the spirit St. Francis Academy is alive, thriving and stronger than brick and mortar. Through endeavors like the Tulip Luncheon and Scholarship Fund, you also preserve the Academy's legacy, nourish the next generation of leaders and give us hope.

We would like to reassure you we will also work to continue the legacy of St. Francis Academy. Our Franciscan Child Day Care Center will remain a safe and peaceful place for children to learn and grow. We will continue to teach children our Franciscan values that you all exemplify, including love of neighbor, peace and justice and care for all creation. If the Franciscan Child Day Care Center must move to a new space, we will also work closely with the SFA Alumnae Board to create opportunities for Alumnae and Sisters to share memories, express our gratitude and say "good-bye" to the St. Francis Academy Building, while celebrating its ongoing legacy.

It is a blessing to have witnessed you grow from our St. Francis Academy girls into strong Franciscan women. As we go where Providence sends us, we are grateful that you have chosen to continue with us on our journey. We will keep you informed of any further information as it develops. Please visit our website for more information on our continuing mission, and contact us at info@osfprov.org or 412-885-7232 if you have any concerns.

Peace and Every Good,

Sister Joanne Brazinski, OSF, General Minister
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Sister Janet Gardner, President
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