

*Sisters of St. Francis  
of the Providence of God*



*17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Autumn Gala of Gratitude*

*Virtual Celebration and Raffle*

*October 3, 2021*

## *Welcome Friends!*

You are a blessing, and we are grateful you have chosen to join us for our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Autumn Gala. Though unable to gather in person for 2021, this special virtual event is a blessed opportunity to acknowledge all whose friendship and support has been essential to our Franciscan mission. As we celebrate the Franciscan spirit, we give thanks for you and all whose presence on our journey has profoundly blessed the lives of our Sisters and those we serve. We are especially grateful for your friendship, prayers and generosity that strengthen our ministry of **Care for our Common Home** and **Care for our Common Heart** inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis' encyclicals "Fratelli Tutti" and "Laudato Si".

Care for our Common Home includes our ongoing ministries serving children, seniors, those experiencing poverty and others in need, as well as efforts to care for the all creation and work for peace and justice. Guided by Catholic social teaching, our efforts also include joining other Catholics and faith-based organizations to advocate for issues affecting our Common Home, including immigration reform, care for the Earth, efforts to end human trafficking, non-violent conflict resolution, and reforms that address the challenges of poverty, violence and racism.

Care for our Common Heart concerns our spirituality and life in Community, which includes nourishing the spiritual lives of our Sisters, Associates, those seeking a closer relationship with God and others. This focus also includes caring for our senior Sisters who have dedicated their lives to God in service to others. In addition to providing assisted living and nursing care to our frail members, your support helps us provide for the needs of our Sisters living independently—offering safety, accessibility and technology improvements so that they may age-in-place as long as possible and faithfully embrace opportunities to serve.

Thank you for empowering us to share the love of Christ through our Franciscan mission. Let us go forward together where Providence leads us to sow faith, hope and peace.

*Peace and Every Good!*

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## **Charism of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God**

**Inspired by Francis of Assisi  
to follow Jesus Christ  
in total responsiveness  
to the Providence of God  
we embrace the evangelical life  
in community  
striving to live the poverty of Jesus Christ  
and to proclaim peace  
in the joy of the Spirit.**



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## *Our Deepest Gratitude*

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We, Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God  
commit ourselves to the evangelical life  
of continuous conversion  
in the tradition of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.

Called together by a good and provident God,  
we cultivate an intimacy with God  
that is nourished by Scripture and Eucharist  
and a reverence for all creation.

Faithful to our charism  
we go to those to whom Providence sends us  
and conscious of our mission in the Church  
we witness to the Kingdom by our lives of service.

We will be instruments of justice and peace  
among those in need of evangelization,  
healing and reconciliation,  
especially the poor and oppressed.



In simplicity and joy  
we want to be signs of hope,  
for we believe that  
Jesus Christ is with us  
in the power of his Resurrection.