



SISTER DIANNE HEINRICH, CDP

Sister Dianne Heinrich will serve as the First Assistant and will assist the Superior General in leading and administering the Congregation for the next six years. She will carry out the responsibilities of the Superior General during her absence and, in the event the office of Superior General becomes vacant, Sister Dianne will assume temporary leadership of the Congregation.

Sister Dianne, a native of High Hill, TX, has been a member of the Congregation for 38 years and has served in various ministries over the years. Her first ministry was teaching elementary school children, then she transitioned to working in high school and finally with young women in religious formation. A few years later, after obtaining an advanced degree in theology, Sister Dianne began serving the Diocese of Baton Rouge, LA, in various capacities. Over the past 20 years, Sister Dianne has served the Diocese of Baton Rouge in religious education, and in parishes doing spiritual formation, liturgy planning and pastoral care with adults. In addition, she served as vicar for religious while working as assistant director of seminarians. Sister Dianne currently works as assistant chancellor to Bishop Robert W. Muench and as assistant director of seminarians.

Sister Dianne received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies with a minor in Philosophy from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio in 1971 and a Master of Arts in Theology from Aquinas Institute in Dubuque, IO, in 1973. In 1984, she earned a Master of Divinity and in 1985, she earned an Advanced

Master of Sacred Theology, both from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA.

Reflecting on the Congregation's 2004 Chapter Statement, Sister Dianne believes that the Risen Christ is the Providence of God alive and active in our world. Therefore, to be a prophetic witness as a Providence woman means continuing the mission of Christ in bringing God's peace and healing love to every person and situation. Sister Dianne believes our prophetic discipleship also calls us to grow in our relationship with Christ through personal prayer and liturgy. Prayer then leads us to serve those in need, enabling them to hope in a God who loves them unconditionally.

Sister Dianne believes all of our Associates, friends, families and people of good will can join the Sisters in living out their Chapter Statement by asking God to make them instruments of God's Providential love in their day-to-day lives. They can also grow in their relationship with the Risen Christ through prayer and the Eucharist enabling them to be instruments of peace, healing and reconciliation in situations of conflict. Through their faith and love they can give hope to people who need to know that Providence is intimately involved in our world and that God's grace and power permeate our whole universe. She believes the possibilities of living the CDP Chapter Statement are endless for the Sisters and all others when we offer ourselves to continue Christ's mission. ■