



SISTER IMELDA GONZÁLEZ, CDP

Sister Imelda González will serve as one of the four General Councilors for the next six years. Sister Imelda has been a member of this Congregation for 45 years and has known the Sisters her entire life. Her family lived less than a mile from Our Lady of the Lake convent and Sister Imelda attended Our Lady of the Lake Kindergarten, St. Martin Hall and Our Lady of the Lake High School where Sisters ministered. Her aunt, Sister James Elizabeth González, was also a member of the Congregation.

Sister Imelda has served in various ministries over the years. She spent the first 25 years of vowed religious life ministering in education. She taught at secondary schools in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas and worked in administration as associate principal. In 1987, her ministry transitioned to finance; she served as the Congregation's chief financial officer and treasurer for more than nine years. When her appointment concluded, she went on to minister as associate director for the National Association for Treasurers of Religious Institutes in Silver Spring, Maryland, then as associate director for operations at Catholic Charities in San Bernardino, California. Sister Imelda will be leaving her current position as chief financial officer at Merced Housing Texas in San Antonio this summer to serve as a General Councilor.

Sister Imelda earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Our Lady of the Lake College

in San Antonio, TX, in 1960. In 1972, she earned a Master of Arts in mathematics from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. In 1982, she received a Master of Education in school administration from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. In preparation for her work in finance, she earned a Certificate of Theological Studies from Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, in 1986 and a M.S.A. in financial administration of not for profits from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, IN, in 1987.

Reflecting on the Congregation's 2004 Chapter Statement, Sister Imelda believes that being a Providence woman is honoring God's call by remaining a Sister and serving those whom she is called to serve. She knows that the gifts she has been given can be shared with other people and can be used for the benefit of others, which in turn, betters our society. Being a Providence woman means doing whatever one can to promote the concept of peace and non-violence and to share God's love with others.

Sister Imelda believes that other people can support the Congregation's Chapter Statement by continuing their goodwill, in prayer and action, and by sharing news of their work with others. Doing so will encourage others in that effort and it will strengthen the support system people need to carry on. ■