



## SISTER JANE ANN SLATER, CDP

Sister Jane Ann Slater will serve as the Congregation's next Superior General. In this position, she will lead the Congregation in the fulfillment of its mission by symbolizing the goals and values of the Congregation, and by encouraging and challenging Sisters to witness the love of a Provident God and to bring others to this realization. Sister Jane Ann will be the president of the General Council, the chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Corporation of the Congregation and she will officially represent the Congregation in church and civic affairs.

Sister Jane Ann, a native of Texarkana, AR, has been a member of the Congregation for 47 years and has ministered in education most of her vowed life. Sister Jane Ann has a B.A. in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry and taught middle school and high school mathematics and science. She also taught college level chemistry. In addition to this, Sister Jane Ann has served on the General Council before; once as a General Councilor from 1981-1987, then as the Superior General from 1987-1993.

This is the first time in the Congregation's history that a Sister has been elected Superior General twice, to serve non-consecutive terms. In Sister Jane Ann's case, she was Superior General in the 20th century and now she will serve as Superior General in the 21st century. It's historic that the same woman

will lead the Congregation as Superior General in two different millennia.

Reflecting on the Congregation's 2004 Chapter Statement, Sister Jane Ann said Sisters are Providence women because they bring the feminine reality to living the Congregation's charism, and give it a real face and identity. Being that the Sisters are women, she feels they are relational with others, which enhances their call to help people by loving them and by helping them realize that they are loved by God. In addition, Sister Jane Ann feels the Sisters are radically rooted in Providence and are reliant on God's special care. Therefore, they can be prophetic witnesses to that fidelity because they are living the life they say they live.

Sister Jane Ann believes other religious, clergy and lay people can support the Sisters' Chapter Statement by being aware of violence, in any form or degree, that surrounds us. For example, rights of women, unethical treatment of the elderly, unjust treatment of the poor and powerless. She feels if people recognize these situations and reflect on them, then they can find ways to address these issues and work with others to change the systems and situations that contribute to violence and injustice. Sister Jane Ann also believes people can participate in the Chapter Statement as contemplatives — prayerful people who spend quiet prayerful time seeking God's guidance and listening to what God is calling them to do. ■