Calendar

August

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 4:00 p.m. — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Annunciation Chapel. Associates are welcome.

Sundays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 11:00 a.m. — Mass in Annunciation Chapel. Associates are welcome.

Thursday, August 22, 4:30 p.m. — Mass for the Health & Well-being of Associates, Annunciation Chapel.

Monday, August 26, 3:00 p.m. — Deadline to submit an application for persons interested in becoming Associates of the Congregation. The application form is attached, may be found on our website (https://www.cdptexas.org/associates/), or call Nancy, our Convent receptionist.

Saturday, August 31, 10:00 a.m. — Associates’ Day of Service: 120 backpacks for refugee families, St. Joseph Hall Assembly Room.

Wednesday, August 7, 4:30 p.m. — Associate Advisory Committee Meeting, St. Joseph Hall Assembly Room.

From the Archives of the Congregation

“The encounter of love and misery”

Forty years ago, Sister James Aloysius Landry wrote the following passages in the Sisters’ quarterly newsletter, CDP In-Formation. The focus was on the fundamental virtue of charity. Today’s needs, as yesterday’s, do not change.

“There is an undercurrent of urgency and global concern perceptible in these two quiet sentences which could be paraphrased to read: Now that you trust in Divine Providence for all things; now that you understand the creative role of Providence.

Leave a legacy. Add the Congregation of Divine Providence to your estate plan.
Birthdays . . . continued

26  Susan McNeal  Sandi Rabel
27  Sue Roy Borden
29  Rosa María Rodriguez
30  Esther Pardo Harris
31  Leonora Laney

Vision for 2019-2020

At the Associate session held on Thursday, June 27, during General Assembly, the following topics were discussed:

- Participation of Associates in formation sessions to accompany those in formation.
- Outreach to Associates in areas outside of San Antonio, TX, especially if they need help with service projects.
- On-going service projects, such as the Backpack Initiative for refugee families, in collaboration with the Sisters and CDP-sponsored ministries.
- Spiritual enrichment of Moye teachings discussion group. Stay tuned.
- Book discussion group on Prophet and Teacher: An Introduction to the Historical Jesus. Stay tuned.

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Works of Mercy . . . continued

in history and know you must search the signs of the time; now that you are irresistibly drawn to simplicity of heart, purpose, and life; now that poverty frees you to respond to the cry of the Poor, go and serve all people (tout le monde) in the needs of your time by means of the Works of Mercy.

“The Works of Mercy our Blessed Founder [John Martin Moye] proposes to us are the traditional ones of the Church. They have their roots in the Old Testament, but it was Christ Himself who in His life and teaching gave the dynamic concept of Charity that evolved into the manifold works of mercy in each period of the Church’s history. Their wording as we know it from our catechism and as Father Moye uses it was formulated by St. Thomas Aquinas. He defines mercy as the compassionate sorrow at another’s misfortune together with a will to alleviate it; it is genuine love in relation to an unfortunate person, in whom we see Christ. ‘The encounter of love and misery,’ St. Thomas says, ‘gives birth to mercy, which is therefore one of the essential forms of charity, situated in the very heart of Christianity.’ ...For mercy engages the whole person: body, mind, heart, will, soul, emotions, and creative effort in the doing of good to others...

“Basic human needs do not change: food, clothing, shelter, work, understanding, acceptance, care in sickness, personal dignity, education, freedom. Today’s needs, however, take on the face of bitter misery: problems of ethnic and social clashes, refugees, drug abuse, alcoholism, dire poverty, broken homes, battered wives and children, abortion, violence, unchurched Catholics, the old and lonely—their names are legion. Does the spirit of Father Moye’s legacy to us of Charity include also these needs of our times?”

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