

February 6, 2025

Dear Sisters and Associates,

As we enter this new year of 2025, may we offer our prayers that it may be a time of growth in holiness and wholeness for us as Sisters and Associates as we celebrate Jubilee.

With this letter, we announce our 2025 Jubilarians and our congregation dates for the celebration that will take place. Jubilee will be celebrated at the University of St. Francis Motherhouse Chapel in Joliet on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at a 10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Liturgy. This is the Saturday immediately following our summer gathering.

After the Mass there will be a luncheon and the opportunity to visit with one another at the University of Saint Francis San Damiano Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this congregation celebration in whatever way you can.

Consider these words from our *Constitutions* (section #4),

Our way of life
is inspired by the Rule St. Francis wrote
for his followers.
One with all men and women religious
of the Franciscan family,
we profess
“to observe the holy Gospel
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
living in obedience,
in poverty,
and in chastity” (Rule: TOR, 1:1).

Thinking of Jubilee and praying with these words can stir up feelings of pride, excitement, happiness – a desire to celebrate. As Joliet Franciscan Sisters and Associates, we have reason to be jubilant with the five Sisters and one Associate who are marking one of our Congregation’s traditionally celebrated anniversaries this year.

With a sense of awe we congratulate and thank our Jubilarians for their years of faithful service, dedication and Franciscan witness. Let us keep the celebrants in our prayers throughout their 2025 jubilee year. The enclosed card listing the 2025 Jubilarians reminds us to keep these Sisters, Associate, their needs and intentions in your prayers. Let us praise God for their generosity.

Our 2025 Jubilarians are:

75 Year Jubilarian

Sister Margaret McGuckin

60 Year Jubilarians

Sister Marianne Saieg

Sister Martha Eckstein

Sister Elaine Kerscher

40 Year Jubilarian

Sister Mary Ann Hamer

25th Anniversary of Associate Commitment

Dolores Gross

Peace and all good,



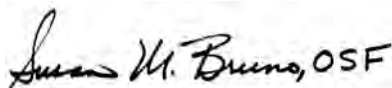
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