

January, 2026

Dear Sisters and Associates,

As we enter this new year of 2026, 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 2026 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 27, 2026, at a 10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Liturgy. This is the Saturday before our three-day 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 four 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 2026 jubilee year. The enclosed card listing the 2026 Jubilarians reminds us to keep these Sisters, this Associate, their needs and intentions in your prayers. Let us praise God for their generosity.

Our 2026 Jubilarians are:

80 Year Jubilarian

Sister Grace Ann Rabideau

75 Year Jubilarian

Sister Lucille Krippel

60 Year Jubilarians

Sister Margaret Noser

Sister Patricia Skowronski

40th Anniversary of Associate Commitment

Sherry Bockus

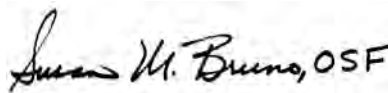
Peace and all good,



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