

# Annual Report

Fiscal Year: Sept. 1, 2018 - Aug. 31, 2019



## Dear Friends of the Providence Community,

As I write this letter as part of our annual report to you our friends, our donors, I/we find ourselves enmeshed in the coronavirus pandemic. It is hard not to acknowledge this present crisis even though the focus of this letter is to reflect on this past year and offer thanks.

So often in these past weeks, I have heard statements like: "It is definitely NOT business as usual." "This crisis has changed everything." "We will never be the same."

Perhaps the greatest teaching of all has been the reality of the profound interconnectedness of all life on this planet. What happens in one part of the world does indeed have a monumental impact on life in another area.

Your kindness and generosity to us have that same kind of monumental impact. My awareness of that profound interconnectedness of all of us has deepened even more as I have reflected on the data and the stories provided in this annual report.

So, when you read about Sister Pat Mahoney volunteering

with the Chicago Police Department and serving as a court advocate, please remember that YOU are connected to that work, YOU helped make it happen. When Sister Brigid Bonner is running all over the neighborhood in Louisville bringing and making communion, YOU are connected to that work, YOU helped make it happen.

WE are "**Together in Mission.**" Thank **YOU** for being part of that greater **WE**. We, the Sisters of Providence, are forever grateful.

With a promise of loving prayer for your good health and safety and of those you love,

Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP  
General Superior

## Thank you!

Your generous gifts of your money, time, prayers and loving support allow the Sisters of Providence to extend God's loving care to a world in need. **You make a difference with us.**

**Thank you to our**

**4,351** financial donors who literally keep us going

**290** Providence Associates and candidates who share our mission



**We minister in 13 states.  
Washington, D.C., and Taiwan.**

**241** individual volunteers and **12** groups who support us with your time and love

The thousands who follow us and share our posts on social media to help introduce us to others

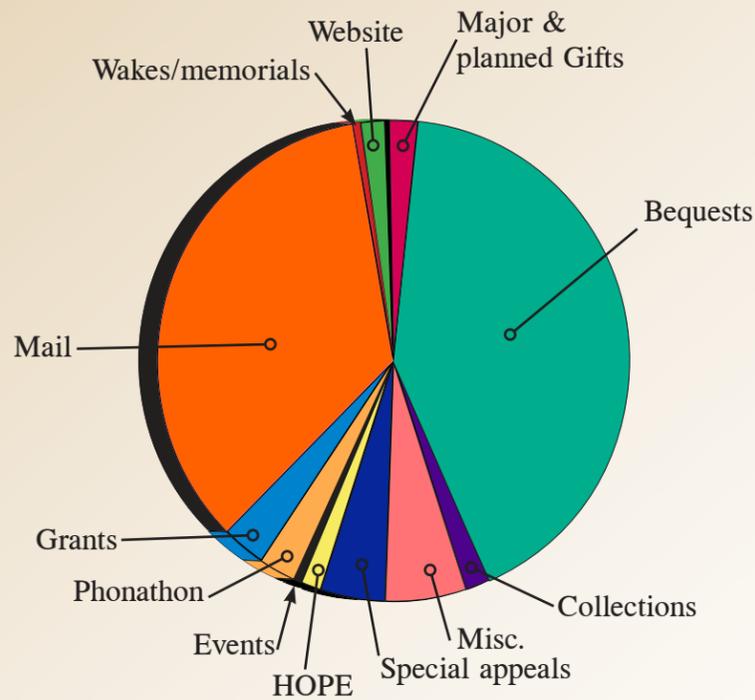
And all who offer their prayers for us and for our mission.

**God bless you all!**

**Make a difference with us.** [Donate.SistersofProvidence.org](https://www.Donate.SistersofProvidence.org)  
[Volunteer.SistersofProvidence.org](https://www.Volunteer.SistersofProvidence.org) [ProvidenceAssociates.org](https://www.ProvidenceAssociates.org)

# Funding our Mission

Your contributions and grants



## Total \$5,141,720

- **Bequests:** Money received from estates of deceased friends
- **Major & planned gift solicitations:** Annuity income and major gifts
- **Collections:** Alumnae associations and mission appeal gifts
- **Mail:** Monies received through mail with no appeal code
- **Website:** Monies given online via the Sisters of Providence website
- **Wakes and memorial gifts**
- **Miscellaneous gifts:** Monies received from sisters, donation boxes, remembrance card program, etc.
- **Special appeals:** Mail with appeal codes, Adopt an alpaca, matching gifts
- **HOPE:** Money collected in HOPE magazine envelopes
- **Events:** Sponsorships, golf scramble, donations at gates for Earth Day and Fall Farm days
- **Phonathon 2019:** Fundraising calls made to donors
- **Grants:** Money applied for and awarded from charitable giving organizations

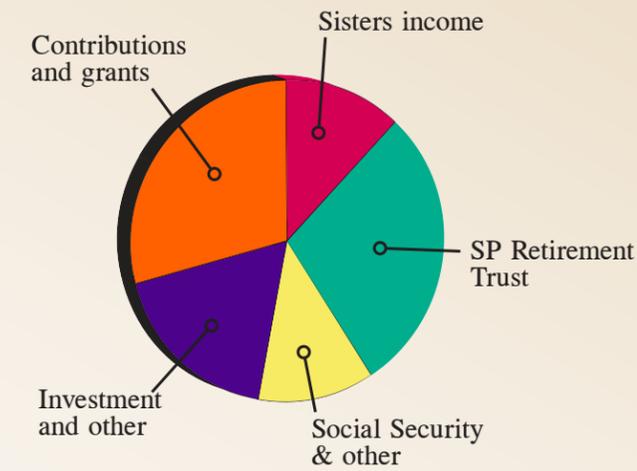
## Sisters age distribution



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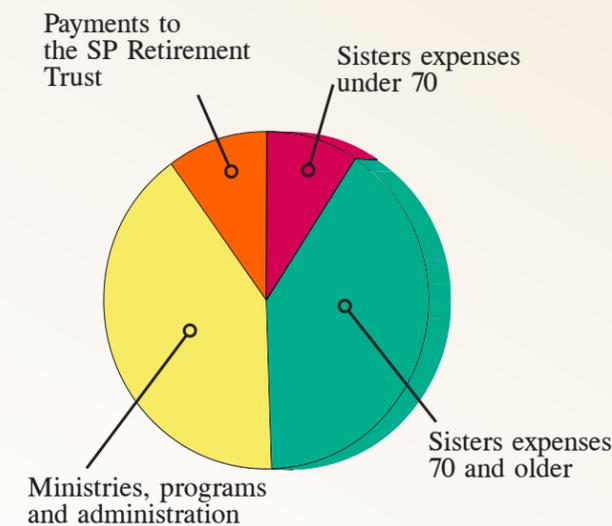
# Sisters of Providence

## Income \$17,922,218



- Sister's income ..... \$2,211,426
- SP Retirement Trust Fund ..... \$5,200,000
- Social Security & other retirement benefits .. \$2,131,109
- Investments and other ..... \$3,237,962
- Contributions and grants ..... \$5,141,720

## Expenses \$20,061,005



- Sisters living expenses under 70 ..... \$1,888,450
- Sisters living expenses 70 and older ..... \$8,050,757
- Ministries, programs and administration ..... \$8,118,483
- Payments to the SP retirement Trust ..... \$2,003,315



A **\$25,000** grant from the **Wabash Valley Community Foundation** assisted with moisture and mold remediation in O'Shaughnessy Dining Room allowing events to resume.



**Havlik Center** - A significant gift from the family of Sister Terese Marie Havlik plus a grant from Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) and other generous donor gifts allowed a room that had suffered water damage (along with adjacent storage rooms and a kitchen), to be remodeled to support activities by all sisters, but especially those with neuro-cognitive challenges (dementia).

# What exactly do **your contributions support?**

## Women of Providence

bringing God's love, mercy and justice to the world

### Sister Brigid Ann Bonner



offers a **ministry in and around her neighborhood** in Louisville, Kentucky. She

takes Eucharist to the sick and dying, lectures at Mass, visits with and prays with grieving families at the funeral home, takes elderly parishioners to Mass and to doctor visits, visits parishioners and friends in nursing homes and helps a Vietnamese parishioner learn English.

### Sister Mary Lou Ruck



puts to use **dementia-related training** offered at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She helps people living with dementia to use a special interactive computer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

### Sister Mary Catherine Guiler



“continues Mother Theodore’s primary ministry” in **education** by serving as a substitute teacher here in Washington D.C. in the same all-girls school she retired from in 2015.



Sister **Kathleen Desautels** leads a weekly reflective gathering with women inmates at a **federal prison** in Chicago.



In 2019, **Sister Emily TeKolste** taught **Catholic social teaching** to about 90 high school seniors and theology to high school sophomores. Today she serves as a grassroots mobilization specialist for the Network Lobby for **Catholic Social Justice** in Washington, D.C.



In addition to vocation ministry in Asia, **Sister Delan Ma** helps bring food, supplies and **comfort to ill and elderly** people around her who are in need.

### Sister Clelia Cecchetti



coordinates Eucharistic Ministers for the **sick and homebound** in her parish in Laurel, Maryland.



### Sister Marilyn Baker



teaches in the Intensive English Program at **Catholic University in Washington, D.C.** She

volunteers teaching English as a Second Language in her parish. She offers prayers and support to people around her at weekday and Sunday Mass and on her metro commute.

**Sister Pat Mahoney** volunteers with the Chicago **Police Department** 22nd District on the south side of Chicago. She offers ideas to improve the safety of the neighborhood and serves as a court advocate, sitting as a healing presence with victims.



**Sister Connie Kramer** volunteers **providing retreats** for persons living in **shelters** and beginning **recovery programs** in Indianapolis. She also serves as a volunteer grief specialist and offers spiritual direction.

### Sister Joseph Fillenwarth,



through her ministry as director of Providence Food Pantry in West Terre Haute, has provided **food for more than 4,000 families in need.**

### Sister Carol Nolan



teaches a small class of **English as a Second Language learners** three days a week in the Terre Haute area.

### Sister Donna Butler



ministers to and with students from **Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC)**, helping to keep the connection between the Sisters of Providence and the College students alive and strong.



**Sister Barbara Sheehan** **trains diverse church leaders** in Chicago to **serve vulnerable populations:** people in poverty, homelessness, isolated elders, etc. She also teaches in the Deacon education program for the Gary, Indiana, diocese. “Deacons need good training in building relationships and addressing the pastoral needs of others such as grief, abuse, cultural diversity, and power with vs. power-over. I view this service as a work of justice and love.”

**Sister Joseph Ellen Keitzer** offers a **“ministry of presence”** among the African American community on the west side of Chicago. She encourages and walks with community members, attending funerals and keeping in touch with the family afterward, visiting those in nursing homes, offering support to people released from prison and writing character references for people seeking jobs, scholarships and grants.



## Your contributions allowed:

**1,318** participants to experience retreats, programs and workshops through Providence Spirituality & Conference Center

**3,487** people to tour Saint Mother Theodore’s shrine and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

**1,440** participants to join us for Taizé Prayer services



## Many other generous donations



**209** alpaca adoptions  
-135 gift adoptions  
-74 personal

**\$824,733** Total money donated by alumnae/i of our schools.  
**Thank you!!**

**72** people make monthly donations