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Celebrating Sisterhood and shaping the future
during a busy slate of gatherings

COMMUNITY DAYS

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A First Step on Journey Toward 2027 General Chapter

The community of the Sisters of Providence assembled in late July for the opening session of the 2027 General Chapter. The Mother Joseph region (comprised of Sisters ministering in the United States and El Salvador) hosted the collaborative session, which brought Sisters from throughout the world together online for strategizing, sharing, and discernment as a community.

The productive four-day gathering showcased the congregation's commitment to unity and highlighted its multicultural strengths, as the primary language of the sessions rotated daily between English, Spanish, and French, with translators for each language ensuring everyone could contribute.

The next week-long session will take place in the Bernarda Morin region, in Chile, in January 2027. A third and final session will then occur at the congregation's International Center in Montreal next July, also over the course of one week.

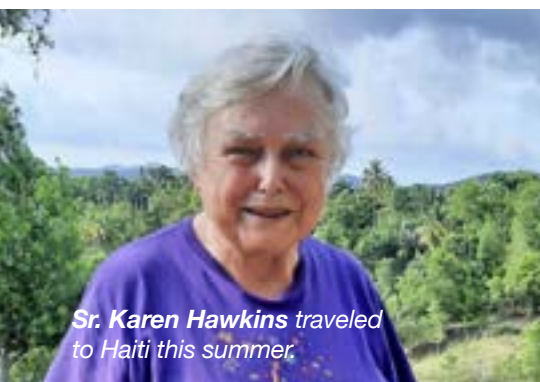
Sisters of Providence General Chapters occur every five years. During the final phase of the General



Srs. Fidela Adriano (left) and Dona Taylor.

Chapter, a seven-Sister Congregational Leadership Team will be elected to five-year terms, including the Congregational Leader. In the past, this process instead spanned multiple weeks at the International Center. The new format debuting for this 2027 General Chapter allows for greater involvement throughout the entire community, and provides each region of the congregation with an opportunity to host sessions.

The 2027 General Chapter Planning Committee includes: **Srs. Monica Campillay, Serena Chappell, Bea LaFramboise, Vallette Messeroux, Maria Nagui**, and Congregational Leadership Team liaisons **Hélène Mamert Nga Amogo** and **Suzette Bautista**. **Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI**, and **Laura Hughes** are serving as facilitators.



Sr. Karen Hawkins traveled to Haiti this summer.

Congregation Celebrates 50 Years in Haiti

This summer, the Sisters marked a half-century of presence and mission in Haiti with a Jubilee celebration and a formation gathering.

Sisters who serve in the Caribbean nation are members of the Émilie Gamelin region, which also spans Canada and Egypt. The Sisters' positive works in Haiti include a 450-student pre-and-elementary school in the community of Torbeck, which opened in 2017.



Did you know that the book *The Bell and the River*, written by **Sr. Mary of the Blessed**

Sacrament McCrosson, SP, was recently featured in a 25-part video series? The online series was led by **Rev. Eric Andersen**, of Saint Steven Catholic Church in Portland, to recognize this year's Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The book was first published in 1956 to celebrate the centennial of the arrival of Sisters of Providence in the western U.S.

Scan this code to watch Fr. Eric's chapter-a-day reading series featuring *The Bell and the River*.



Pilgrimage paths converge at Community Days

Sisters of Providence serving throughout the Mother Joseph region came together alongside Providence Associates and Companions for their annual Community Days gathering in mid-July.

The theme of this year's meeting was "Pilgrimage to Oneness in a Global Community," and started with an invigorating retreat day that included a group drumming exercise. Interactive sessions featured the Mother Joseph Core Group and Local Community Leaders, Providence Ministries Sponsors, Providence St. Joseph Health executive officers and CEO **Erik Wexler**, the Providence Associates and president **Kathe Boucha**, and the Administrative Center co-directors.

The Congregational Leadership Team also traveled from Montreal to attend, and hosted a panel.

Mary Anne Sladich-Lantz served as facilitator of Community Days for a second consecutive year, and guided a productive and motivating week as the Sisters discerned their community's voice and strategies in response to vital ongoing issues in their communities and throughout the world. The gathering will prove to be catalyst for further action by the community in the coming months.

***Sr. Gabrielle Nguyen** participates in a group drumming exercise to begin Community Days.*



*Chair of the 2026 Community Days Committee, **Sr. Marisol Avila** (right), embraces **Sr. Annette Seubert**.*



*From left: **Srs. Felma Cerezo, Hong Nga Nguyen**, Congregational Councilors **María Antonieta Trimpay** and **Hélène Mamert Nga Amogo**, **Ana Georgina Rozas**, **Marie-Thérèse Gnamazo**, and **Claudia Ruiz**. Srs. Rozas and Ruiz traveled from the Bernarda Morin region of Chile to attend Community Days, while the Congregational Councilors traveled from Montreal.*



***Sr. Lorena González** (right), with fellow El Salvador-based Sisters **Marcia Gatica** (left) and **Marita Capili** (center).*

Sr. Lorena González serves alongside Sisters in El Salvador

Community Days also served as a fitting introduction for a Chilean Sister in the process of transferring to the Sisters of Providence. **Sr. Lorena González** began her ministries in El Salvador in May, and will be busy over the course of a two-year tenure there. She will continue to participate in the thriving Beca scholarship program alongside **Srs. Marcia Gatica, SP**, and **Marita Capili, SP**; and will minister together with **Sr. Vilma Franco, SP**, to serve communities around the mountainous region around Arcatao.

Sr. Lorena is in discernment to join the Bernarda Morin region in Chile, and is joining the Kairos Local Community while in El Salvador.



*The 2026 Jubilarian Sisters (from left): Congregational Councilor **Anne Hemstock**, **Paula Cosko**, **Josie Ramac**, **Jessica Taylor**, and **Bea LaFramboise**.*

2026 Jubilarians celebrated in style



Six Sisters of Providence celebrated Jubilee anniversaries in impressive fashion this summer, with more than 400 family, friends, and fellow Sisters convening on Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in West Seattle. Altogether, the Jubilarians have devoted nearly 200 combined years of care, education, and love for those on the margins of society during their ministries throughout the world.

These celebrations mark significant milestones of years in ministry, and the meaning goes even deeper: the Jubilee is a commemoration to the devotion these Sisters have made in answering their calls to religious life.

The annual gathering is a cherished tradition that directly follows Community Days, providing an opportunity for the community of Sisters to treasure this joyous time together.



***Very Rev. Gary Lazzeroni** presided over the Jubilee Mass.*



Sr. Josie's nephew Warren Rigor (left), and grandnieces Alexa (center, on violin) and Sosefina (right, singing) perform at the reception.



*The Mother Joseph Core Group (from left): **Srs. Josefina Lerios**, **Marcia Gatica**, and **Hong Nga Nguyen**.*

Jessica Taylor, SP

25 YEARS



Sr. Jessica Taylor's first Jubilee celebration marks a journey in religious life that extends prior to her entrance into the community. She can trace her aspirations back before her teenage years – and to a core memory of a campfire group trading tales of what they wanted to be when they grew up.

"I said, 'I want to be a Sister.'"

Sr. Jessica is a native of western Washington and to a close-knit, supportive family. She was raised alongside two sisters and a brother, and first pursued her interest in religious life after graduating from Highline High School in Burien. But instead, the communities she reached out to encouraged her to live a bit more life first, and to keep listening to refine her call.

Sr. Jessica's path instead led to Central Washington University, where she studied education. It was during this chapter of her life that the Sisters of Providence entered the picture – in the form of a vocation event led by fellow 2026 Jubilarian Sr. Patricia Glen, SP.

After earning her degree, Sr. Jessica entered the workforce as a middle school teacher, but God's call grew ever louder. She bravely made the jump after a second retreat with several Sisters of Providence – and a home visit so that her family could get to know her soon-to-be fellow Sisters.

"I could be me, and I could do what I wanted to do in life and serve. It was a good, vibrant community."

Sr. Jessica continued to hone her teaching skills during her transition, and was also quickly thrust into the international element of her new community. Less than two months after becoming a novice in 2001, she traveled to Rome for the beatification of Blessed Emilie Gamelin.

Then in 2004, she spent 10 months in the Philippines for intercultural immersion and ministry and, with the use of her American Sign Language abilities, supporting the deaf community. Sr. Jessica found deep joy in using sign language to lead retreats, signing during Mass, and ministering to people who otherwise had difficulties communicating their needs. She was invited into the homes of many impoverished Filipino families, which

molded a moral compass for how she would approach her life as a Sister.

"It opened up a whole new way of being with people in the joy of life, not in the suffering.... that joy is what I want. That joy of Christ is what I want."

Sr. Jessica shared that foundation of joy in her ministries ever since, which have included special education and intensive learning at Highline School District and Sylvester Middle School (2005-2010), and care counseling services at Sojourner Place Household (2014-2018), Jubilee Women's Center (2016-2018), and Catholic Charities in Tukwila (2019-2022).

She's developed a wealth of skills and grown through the opportunities of her ministries, including living out Blessed Emilie Gamelin's example of charism as she aided to new mothers and women in need of emotional and material support.

Sr. Jessica also earned a master's degree from Seattle University and holds Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist credentials – blending advanced administrative and counseling skills.

Beginning in 2022, Sr. Jessica was the administrator of St. Joseph Residence in Seattle – a fast-faced ministry in service to her fellow Sisters. She's also building community leadership experience as the current Local Leader of the Providence Peace Community.

At home, Sr. Jessica is also an excellent quilter – a joy that she's infused into ministries, as she's made quilts for those experiencing homelessness and as gifts for Sisters and family.

Now, with 25 years of personal growth and positive impact on the lives of those she's touched, Sr. Jessica is motivated at what's still to come.

"It's a 'Yes, I've made it,' and it's also a yes that I'm still going.... I pray every day that I have the fidelity, and the strength, and courage to be the Sister I'm supposed to be and have the courage to do what Christ asks me to do."



*Special thanks to **Del Catunao** for his terrific photography showcasing Jubilee, and to Providence Archives for the archival images featured in this section.*

Patricia Glen, SP

50 YEARS



In celebrating 50 years of religious life as a Sister of Providence, **Sr. Patricia Glen** revels in the beauty and the joy of her experience.

Born in Tacoma, Sr. Patricia was the 7th of 19 children – including a twin brother, Richard. She first entered the community at the age of 23,

already familiar with what it feels like to belong to a loving community.

“They are life-giving. I just can’t tell you how life-giving they are. I’m very grateful.”

The first in a line of prolific ministry experiences for Sr. Patricia came in central supply at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Yakima. After a two-year stint as a student at North Seattle Community College, she entered the world of parish ministry at St. Brendan Parish in Bothell, before transitioning back to student life at Gonzaga University in the early 1980s.

Sr. Patricia then returned to the Puget Sound region and took up youth ministry – first at St. Michael Parish in Olympia and then as the Youth Religious Education Director at St. Luke Parish in Shoreline.

Beginning in 1989, Sr. Patricia pursued service in the Sisters’ health care ministry. She first interned in pastoral care at Providence Portland Medical Center, and then stepped into the challenging, hands-on



ministry of chaplaincy across town at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center in Portland.

The beckoning of the 90s brought a new ministry opportunity for Sr. Patricia, who returned to Yakima and St. Elizabeth to become the medical center’s Director of Pastoral Care.

In 1990, Sr. Patricia came to Seattle to minister to her community at St. Joseph Residence, as a staff assistant. She also served as Mission Integration Director at Providence Mount. St. Vincent, beginning in 2000.

Sr. Patricia has also held several leadership positions in support of her local communities. She’s deeply enjoyed witnessing the community evolve and gain new members from all over the world throughout the past five decades.

“My ministry is really of serving God – and it always has been. It comes very naturally to me.”



Josefina “Josie” Ramac, SP

50 YEARS



Born in the Philippines to a family of seven children, **Sr. Josefina (Josie) Ramac’s** winding path to the Sisters of Providence community spanned two continents and many life experiences through her young adulthood.

Her family immigrated to the United States when she was

13, arriving in Seattle in the late 1950s to join her father – a retired U.S. Army serviceman. Sr. Josie attended Immaculate High School, where she was educated by the Holy Names Sisters, and continued her studies at Seattle University in preparation for a career in education. She loved to learn, and followed this passion to study Spanish at the University of Madrid – an experience she had no idea at the time would become pivotal to her future ministry.

Upon return to the U.S., she earned a master’s degree in education at the University of Portland, and taught preschool for several years while continuing to travel and contemplate family life. God, however, had other plans for her.

Invited to what she thought was simply a young women’s retreat, Sr. Josie found herself at a vocation retreat. There, she felt deeply moved by the Holy Spirit. Her heart grew restless until she responded with a wholehearted “yes,” and she entered religious life, joining the Sisters of Providence in the late 1970s.

Recognizing her fluency in Spanish, her Postulant Director sent her to the Yakima Valley for her first summer ministry, where she worked with children of



*From left: **Srs. Felma Cerezo, Lucy Vasquez, Jeanette Heindl, Josie Ramac, and Julie Macasieb.***

migrant workers – many of whom faced educational disruptions due to constant relocation and the added challenge of learning English.

Sr. Rebecca Berghoff, SP, then principal of St. Joseph Marquette School in Yakima, and a respected figure in the region, invited Sr. Josie to start the school’s kindergarten program. Yakima is an important pillar of Sr. Josie’s story as a Sister: time and time again, after fulfilling congregational assignments elsewhere, she returned to the city to teach and engage in parish ministry – falling in love with the people and the mission.

Sr. Josie would expand her instruction to teach Spanish across all grade levels, a challenge she took on with enthusiasm. A highlight of this ministry was leading junior high students on educational trips to Mexico – which included assignments tied to social studies, math, religion, and more areas of study – creating immersive experiences and core memories for the young participants.

After many years in the classroom, Sr. Josie was invited to shift her focus to formation work within her congregation, serving as Novice Director. Later, she was called to leadership, serving as Provincial Councilor to what was at that time the Mother Joseph province.

Sr. Josie is a masterful gardener, enjoying walks and spending time with family and friends. She is the beloved Spanish instructor for the Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph administrative staff, leading two levels of weekly language classes.

Sr. Josie says she is simply grateful to have reached this 50-year milestone through God’s grace and blessings, and reflects often in the message of Micah 6:8: “This is what God asks of me: ‘to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with my God’ – and I want to live that for the rest of my life.

Paula Cosko, SP

60 YEARS



Joy has always been at the root of religious life for **Sr. Paula Cosko** – so it's fitting that smiles marked the start of her journey. Born in Los Angeles, she first met the Sisters of Providence as a student at St. Finbar Parish School in nearby Burbank.

There were other communities of women religious active there at the time, but “the Sisters of Providence were the only ones smiling,” according to Sr. Paula.

Her initial call came early. Her first-grade teacher at St. Finbar was a religious Sister, and Sr. Paula was enamored. She officially entered the community at age 18 in 1965 and promptly went from being an only child to living with 90 candidates and novices in Issaquah, Washington.

Cultural diversity has been both a blessing and a major theme of Sr. Paula's devotion ever since. She spent the summer of 1969 ministering in religious education above the Arctic Circle in tiny Kotzebue, Alaska. Soon after, she returned to The Last Frontier – this time for three years in Nome, teaching religious education to Indigenous Alaskans.

“They taught me: ‘Enjoy what you have and don't lament what you don't have.’”

A passionate flame for education had been lit. Upon returning to Seattle, Sr. Paula earned her bachelor's degree from Seattle University, and was quickly back in the classroom. Fourteen of the next 18 years were spent in ministry as an elementary teacher at St. Therese School, within Seattle's Central District. In



From left: **Srs. Elisabeth Tumuramye, DM, Paula Cosko, Josie Ramac, and Annett Namawanda, DM.**

those years, it was known and celebrated for being one of the most diverse communities in the United States.

In Sr. Paula's 20th year as a Sister of Providence, the opportunity arose to accompany a medical team to Haiti. She studied French and Creole in preparation, serving as a cook for the medical team.

“One evening, as I stood in the kitchen door and the sun was setting, I had this extreme feeling that I was in the kingdom. This was the kingdom.”

After more than two decades teaching children, Sr. Paula began a new chapter in education in the 90s: ministering to adults learning English as a second language. She's excellent at her current ministry – with 35 years and counting on the faculty at North Seattle College.

With every new quarter of instruction, Sr. Paula has a class of 25-30 students, typically hailing from at least 17 different countries.

“I've met students from almost every country, island, or landmass in the world.”

Sr. Paula has also served on the Providence Associates Advisory Board and is the current Local Leader of the Sophia Community.

Her wealth of hobbies and interests include cooking (only from scratch) and tending to her vivid garden – a space of refuge for local wildlife that enjoys it as much as she does. The Pacific Northwest has been a great fit for Sr. Paula, who loves spending time immersed in nature.

From her early days as a student herself, to the lives of the many students she continues to touch as a beloved teacher, Sr. Paula is forever thankful for God's call to the Sisters of Providence.

“It's a real call. I've never doubted the call.”

Beatrice “Bea” LaFramboise, SP

60 YEARS



“Living passionately with compassion” is a way of life for **Sr. Beatrice (Bea) LaFramboise**, and she’s touched the lives of countless individuals over the course of her six decades as a Sister of Providence by truly living this principle.

The oldest of seven siblings, Sr. Bea attributes her strong faith to her mother, Gloria, who instilled in her daughter a passion for those on the margins.

During her growing-up years in Sunnyside, Washington, Sr. Bea remembers making visits to Crewport, a migrant camp, to bring basic supplies. Her family appreciated their mom’s energy and passion for all people. They knew that all were welcome at their dinner table and there was space on the floor for sleeping bags for those needing a place to sleep.

Upon hearing the call to religious life, Sr. Bea followed the steps of her cousins – Srs. Francella LaFramboise, SP, and Karin Dufault, SP – and entered the Sisters of Providence in 1965.

Sr. Bea has been blessed and privileged to have a variety of ministries throughout her religious life. After ten years as a pre-school teacher, she began a long ministry of social ministry to those on the margins – beginning with Providence Regina House on Cherry Hill, where she introduced the “service learning” for Bush School and for many Catholic High Schools in Seattle.



Later, she moved to Providence Hospitality House, a home for women and children in crisis needing temporary housing. There she began a long-term relationship with Seattle University students needing service-learning credits. “Those years had a profound effect on my spirituality, sense of community, personality development, and how I view and experience the world today,” said Sr. Bea.

Today, Sr. Bea’s “active retirement” hasn’t changed much. She’s a spiritual companion for SEEL (Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life), a hospitality minister and spiritual advisor for St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph’s parish in Seattle, and she prepares weekly breakfast at the American Legion Center for those needing food and companionship (with both a listening ear and heart).

And if that isn’t enough for this petite Sister, she’s involved with community commitments: as a board member for the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center and for the Providence Hospice Foundation Board, and she’s on the 2027 General Chapter Planning Committee for the Sisters of Providence.

Sr. Bea shares her creativity making vibrant greeting cards, personal collages and art journals using her nature photos. She loves gatherings, cooking, and celebrating life’s events.

Sr. Bea reflects on her 60th Jubilee year: “I’m filled with gratitude to all who have journeyed with me through my life’s events.”

From Anne Lamott:

“I do not understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.”

May They Rest in Peace



Sr. Virginia Miller, SP

Sister Virginia Miller, age 98, a Sister of Providence for 77 years, died on May 15, 2026, at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Sr. Virginia was born in Longview, Washington, on March 30, 1928 — the youngest of three daughters to her parents, Leon and Margaret (Slamnik) Miller. Sr. Virginia's fun-loving personality shined from the very start, as she enjoyed an active childhood chock-full of outdoor adventures by land and water, no matter the season. She was very athletic, playing five sports, including hockey and volleyball, during her time at Robert A. Long High School.

Alongside her sisters Genevieve and Virginia (who would become Sr. Mary Leona, SP), Sr. Virginia enjoyed support and encouragement from her parents in a devoutly Catholic home. Her call to religious life first sparked when the Millers hosted Vancouver, Washington-based Sisters of Providence who were teaching Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes. Sr. Virginia was also impressed by a series of joyful and enthusiastic firsthand impressions while visiting her oldest sister, after Sr. Mary Leona (1920-2012) entered the community in 1942.

Sr. Virginia would embark on her own journey to become a Sister of Providence in 1949, becoming a Novice in 1949 and professing her First Vows in 1950. She earned a Bachelor of Art in Education at the College of Great Falls (now University of Providence) in 1952, and then professed her final vows in 1953. Additional academic achievements included a master certification program in religious education from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1967; and a master's in religious education from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, in 1975.

The new Sister made an immediate impact on young lives across Washington state, with teaching stints at St. Patrick's School in Walla Walla (1950-51), St. Joseph Academy in Yakima (1951-52, 1960-63), Holy Rosary School in Moxee (1954-59), St. Joseph Grade School in Yakima (1959-60), St. Michael School in Olympia (1960), and Providence Academy in Vancouver (1963-65).

In 1967, Sr. Virginia pivoted to parish ministry to meet the growing needs of rural ministries, which proved to be an exciting and passionate chapter of her life. She partnered with Sr. Elizabeth Joyce, SP, (1935-2010) to inaugurate the Vancouver Apostolate, a rural outreach training ministry that reached volunteers across five parishes. The two Sisters would go on to become the first rural ministry team in the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1978, and lived and ministered out of a 23-foot trailer for three years to best meet the needs of their widespread service areas. In total, Sr. Virginia would serve in the illustrious ministry for eight years.

Beginning in 1995, Sr. Virginia also ministered as a pastoral life director for 11 years, and was the director of the Upper Room spiritual support ministry in Centralia. She was a cherished volunteer in the Providence Archives.

Sr. Virginia naturally embodied her life sentiments of love and togetherness. She was a loyal and proud Seattle sports fan, hoisting the famed 12 Flag at St. Joseph Residence prior to the Seahawks' Super Bowl LX win in February. Her deep compassion for others has fueled faithful, good works across the countless lives she has touched. She will be deeply missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her two sisters. She is survived by her nephew, Jerry (Linda) Duve, her niece, Helen Selisker, numerous cousins and by the Sisters in her religious community.



Sr. Lucille (Lucy) Villanova, SP
Sister Mary Eugenius

Sister Lucy Villanova, age 103, a Sister of Providence for 83 years, died on June 2, 2026, at St. Joseph Residence in Seattle.

Sr. Lucy was born in Clearing, Illinois, on February 26, 1923, to Anthony and Rose (Koscierzyna) Villanova. The youngest of three daughters, tragedy struck before she turned two when her mother died of tuberculosis. Her father was a stone

mason by trade who never remarried — and received the gracious help of several relatives in raising the three girls.

Sr. Lucy's first interactions with Sisters of Providence came at the tender age of nine, while attending St. Mary's Training School (later Maryville Academy) in Des Plaines, Illinois. She'd attend high school there as well, graduating in 1941.

After a brief post-graduation spell in Chicago, Sr. Lucy entered the community in 1942, became a Novice a year later, and received Final Vows in 1947.

Sr. Lucy's prolific education ministries would span 50 years and stretch the length of the West Coast, beginning at Providence Academy in Vancouver, Washington, in 1944. She amassed experience teaching nearly every grade level during tenures at St. Catherine School in Seattle (1946-48), Holy Family School in Seattle (1948-49), Our Lady of Holy Rosary School in Sun Valley, California (1950-58), St. Finbar School in Burbank, California (1958-60), Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle (1960-64), Catholic Junior/High School in Anchorage, Alaska (1964-67), and John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Burien, Washington (1968-72).

Beginning in 1979, Sr. Lucy would also spend 16 years infusing her talents in various roles at Providence High School in Burbank, California — as a receptionist, artist-in-residence, alumni director, assistant public relations, and assistant director of development.

Sr. Lucy was a celebrated artist whose masterful works include a mosaic she designed for the baptistry of St. Finbar Church, standing 12 feet tall by 6 feet wide. The mosaic required more than 700 hours of effort, and commemorates the Sisters' contribution to education in the beloved San Fernando Valley parish. Sr. Lucy also loved creating banners, calligraphy, and stitchery. Her gift in artistry led to a ministry as a staff artist with Catholic Communications Northwest in Seattle from 1976-79.

Sr. Lucy would make a permanent return to Seattle in 2010, when she moved into St. Joseph Residence. A lifelong learner, she enjoyed staying current with the latest technological advances, and invigorated her fellow Sisters with her intellectual wit — including her renowned strength with jigsaw puzzles. She was an avid reader, and, true to form for her Pacific Northwest surroundings, was known to enjoy a good cup of coffee. She will be deeply missed and always remembered for her compassionate touch and inspiring creative talents.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her two sisters. She is survived by her nephew, John DeCillo, her extended family, and by the Sisters in her religious community.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, 1801 Lind Avenue SW, M1-C, Renton, WA 98057-9016. To sign the memory books for the Sisters, please visit the website for Bonney-Watson Funeral Home at bonneywatson.com.

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"My Grocery Bag" Ministry Targets Food Scarcity



A new service project at St. Joseph Residence that helps streamline food distributions to individuals and families in and around the western communities of Seattle. **SJR's Activities Coordinator Lisa Kumar** created "My Grocery Bag," a ministry in which Sisters gather bulk dried food items and separate them into smaller grocery bags, so that they're immediately ready for distribution to those in need. The program supports Providence Regina House in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle, which handles the distribution of the bags.



Community, Spirituality & Ministries

Discerning a vocation to become a Sister of Providence is a journey of prayerful reflection and spiritual exploration. It involves seeking guidance, participating in community life, and engaging in ministries.

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We're here to support and guide you on this beautiful journey.

*"How admirable are the ways in
which Providence directs our lives!"*

Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, 1864



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Sr. Chloe Keitges in action for the
"My Grocery Bag" ministry project.