

# AROUND THE PROVINCE



## *Providence Fund Grant Requests*

The Trustees of the Providence Fund remind the Sisters and Associates of Holy Name Province that **applications requesting grant funds from the Providence Fund must be received at Stella Niagara no later than April 1, 2018. Applications received after the date will not be considered.** Please be attentive to using the correct forms and appending all the required material, including the Sister/Associate support form. Applications will be reviewed in May and applicants will be notified whether or not they received funding by June 1, 2018. Grant money will be disbursed in September 2018. Please send grant applications **on the revised forms to:**

**[providencefundsf@gmail.com](mailto:providencefundsf@gmail.com)**

or by standard mail to:

**Providence Fund Trustees**

4421 Lower River Road

Stella Niagara, NY 14144

If you need an application form or a form to write a statement of support as a Sister or Associate, please contact **Laurie Marshanke at 716-225-6938.**

Grantee reports accounting for grant money received in September 2017 are due on April 1, 2018. New applications for 2018 cannot be processed until the grantee report is in. Grantee reports should be sent to the above mentioned email or address. If a copy of the grantee report is needed please contact **Laurie Marshanke at 716-225-6938.**

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*Items for the ATP should be sent to  
Sr. Theresa Schneider at  
**[stheresa817@yahoo.com](mailto:stheresa817@yahoo.com)**  
by the 10th of each month.*

**Congratulations to the following Associates who are celebrating their  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Commissioning in 2018:**

Margaret Stichweh-Cutler	Columbus, Ohio
Priscilla Marko	Columbus, Ohio
Eddy Alcazar	Miami, Florida
Martha Alcazar	Miami, Florida
Miriam Chong	Miami, Florida
Virginia Garcia	Miami, Florida
Jose Lopez	Miami, Florida
Ana Lopez	Miami, Florida
Ana Toledo	Miami, Florida
Flora Toledo	Miami, Florida
Esther Toledo	Miami, Florida
Marianne Crapol	Western New York



**We are grateful for your years of commitment and feel blessed  
by your presence among us!**



**JUBILEE CHOIR STARTS AGAIN**

Because of travels and holidays, we haven't been meeting. We WILL gather on the following Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Stella's Chapel, so we can get in FOUR strong practices before Assembly: March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7! All are welcome! Thanks, Colleen

Please make the following change to your directory for S. Alberta Wilkes:  
Delete workplace, work e-mail, phone and fax numbers.  
Post-retirement e-mail is: [awilkes2@yahoo.com](mailto:awilkes2@yahoo.com)

**2017 - 2018 DIRECTORY**  
Sisters and Associates of Holy Name Province  
Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity



**Attention Ohio Peeps...SAVE THE DATE for our next “Gathering of Friends” at The Boathouse at Confluence Park, Columbus, Ohio on April 28.** More details will follow.

### **Helping Others with your Gift to the Advancement Office**

With so many worthy charities looking for donations we are grateful when we are chosen. Many use our enrollment cards, make a gift in honor of a jubilarian, or respond to one of our appeals.

So what happens when you make a donation to the Advancement Office? Your gift supports our sisters in the health center and throughout the province. It helps our sponsored ministries (Sacred Heart Academy, Stella Niagara Education Park, Francis Center, Center of Renewal) and our missions in Mexico and Tanzania. Your generosity enables us to provide grants through our Ministry Fund to a person or ministry facing a financial crisis. Your kindness also enables the province to make donations (as listed in the Minutes of the Council Meetings) to many other local and national organizations.

Of course, you may also choose to restrict your donation for a specific purpose, such as the mission in Chiapas or the health center. Whatever you decide, know that when you make a donation through the Advancement Office, your thoughtfulness helps many others. Thank you!

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### *ACTIVITIES AT SHA by S. Mara Walton*

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Winter break will see nine of our students traveling to El Salvador with Michael Jans, our technology teacher. Mike has done this for over ten years with many students from the Western New York area. They work with children in schools and usually assist with a specific building project. Also during this time, about two thirds of the Junior class will travel to Washington, DC and visit the Smithsonian Institute and Holocaust museum as part of their agenda.

The end of February is also the time winter sports end their season. Bowling All Catholics is February 13 and the SHA team will probably take a couple awards! Basketball will be playing in the All Catholics competition the last week of February.

Lenten events will begin with Mass on Ash Wednesday followed by reconciliation services throughout the weeks. Sister Mara will guide a reflection on Sunday, February 25 from 1 – 4 at the Academy for alumnae and friends. She will use the DVD on Francis and the Sultan to guide the group in discussion and prayer. Please contact her if you wish to attend.

Once upon a time this statue “lived” in various areas of the Academy. If you know any history of it, please contact Sister Mara. Thanks



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## Two Basic Ways of Responding to Violence

### Opening Prayer:

Dear God, few people even know that you are a God of universal, nonviolent love. We don't think about the sun or the rain, or about your lavish generosity, whether or not we are worthy. Few know that you are nonviolent, that you treat everyone equally, that you invite everyone into your universal, nonviolent love.

Help us to learn. Give us a new global vision. Widen our hearts to embrace the whole human race. Make us welcome the sunshine and rain with gratitude.

*Radical Prayers on Peace, Love & Nonviolence* by John Dear p. 52

There are two general categories of responding to violence:

- To accommodate violence, to avoid it, or to use violence to fight violence
- The tradition of cooperation and active nonviolence.

Accommodating violence is a common and traditional way of responding to violence.

This approach sees no other option but passivity or silence. It goes along with violence. It maintains that there is nothing that can be done about this violence. This point of view holds that violence is the bottom line. It is the way things are. Passivity and silence often seem the most sensible approach.

Question for discussion:

Does this resonate with your experience? Have you found yourself doing this?

Is this your usual response? Can you think of a situation like this?

The problem with accommodating violence is that it is demeaning and dehumanizing. It reinforces a relationship that is fatally out of balance. It keeps an inhuman situation intact, where one person is above another. We become defined and dealt with in terms of our roles: the dominator and the dominated.

This is demeaning and dehumanizing to the one who is dominated, but it is also demeaning and dehumanizing to the dominator. Why? Because for both of them, this imbalance creates more and more distance from their true selves. It gets them stuck in a role, in a movie script, that keeps them from making contact with their true selves and the true selves of others. Because of this, the dominator/dominated model makes it more difficult to ultimately change this situation - that is, to bring this relationship into balance.

Another traditional method of dealing with violence is avoidance.

Avoidance means standing on the sidelines, to evade "getting involved," to decide it's not "my problem," or to deputize someone else (the police, the army) to deal with it. It is the act of becoming a bystander. This is what we mean by *avoiding* it - avoiding having to deal with the root conflict or to deal with the consequences. Instead, we flee from the conflict.

Questions for discussion:

Does this resonate with your experience? Have you found yourself doing this?

Is this your usual response? Can you think of a situation like this?

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The difficulty with this approach is that it does not resolve the problem at hand, and it creates the illusion that we can stay “above the fray” and not face the conflicts in our lives and in the life of the world.

The third traditional response to violence is to use counter violence.

This approach maintains that there is no other option, and that violence only ends through a show of greater violent force.

Question for discussion:

Does this resonate with your experience? Have you found yourself doing this?

Is this your usual response? Can you think of a situation like this?

The problems with this method are that it reinforces the cycle of retaliatory violence; it does not address the roots of conflict; and it does not create a solution that meets the needs of the parties involved. Not only does it prolong suffering, it is often ineffective.



A key to nonviolence is noticing our habits of thought – becoming aware of our typical way or style of addressing conflict or violence. By doing this, we can see the script we use, and then can begin to re-write this script, if needed.

The alternative to these typical ways of responding is cooperation and active nonviolence.

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## 2018 Upcoming Events:



**“LES MISERABLES” Lenten Retreat (3-day weekend),  
February 22-25, 2018** by **Brother Dan Leckman, SJ.**  
Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch. Pre-register by 2/8/18.



**SACRED SONGFEST SEASONAL SERIES.** Currently planned for **April 22, 29, and May 6, 2018:** Three Sunday afternoons (2:00-4:00 PM). Come and appreciate **interfaith hospitality** with multiple choral groups from **churches throughout Western New York**, presenting faith-filled songs along with history on each ... enjoy music and fellowship.

**“COME DRINK DEEP OF LIVING WATERS: FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING IN THE 21ST CENTURY” Retreat Week** by **Sr. Barbara Fiand, SNDdeN.** **June 17-22, 2018.** Sunday evening dinner through Friday lunch. Pre-register by 6/3/18.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAMS (Elderhostel, Inc.).** Multiple programs weeks throughout the calendar year. Call us for details or visit [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org).