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MSC Sisters Leadership Induction 2026

Congratulations to our newly installed Provincial Council members: Sisters Mary Anne Bigos, Dorothy Fabritze (Province Leader), Patrice Cosgrove, and Marie Clark. These sisters will serve their fellow MSC Sisters of the United States Province for the next four years in various administrative capacities. Many thanks to Fr. Patrick Lamb who traveled to St. Joseph Villa on August 6 to celebrate Mass to mark this very special occasion. ***May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere. Now and forever.*** ✞









Update from the 19th General Chapter of Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC)

– Busan, South Korea

Greetings from Busan, South Korea!



The 19th General Chapter, an international meeting of MSC Sisters, was held from September 10 to 30, 2026, at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, located at the Motherhouse of the Korean Province in Busan, Korea.

Sr, Deborah Reho opened the Chapter for the many MSC Leadership Team members from around the world with a prayerful ritual and words of welcome. Entering the Chapter Hall, Sr. Deborah reminded us to do so with an openness of heart and a consciousness of Christ's presence among us.

In the afternoon, we gathered for the Opening Mass, presided over by Fr. Humberto H. Da Silva, MSC, entrusting the Chapter journey to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and seeking God's grace for our time of discernment and sharing.

The Chapter came alive as we were invited to embrace reality without fear, to remain steadfast in love, to welcome transformation without resistance, and to joyfully share in God's mission. Guided by Fr. Humberto, MSC, we entered into a deeper understanding of the Spirituality of the Heart. He led us into an awakening of the four movements that call us to be transformed in how we live, discern, and relate—drawing from the love revealed in the Human Heart of Christ.

1. ENCOUNTER: I become aware that God is here.
2. INTIMACY: I receive love and remain in it.
3. CONVERSION: I allow this love to transform my heart.
4. MISSION: I allow this love to become life for the world.

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Update from the 19th General Chapter

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This invitation challenges each of us to reach into our own hearts, to be transformed, and to become living witnesses of God's love in our mission, wherever we are.

Following a week of reports, we continued discerning the priorities and proposals presented to the Chapter. Brother Emili, our facilitator, guided us in personal and communal discernment, followed by the elections of the General Superior and General Councillors, each preceded by communal adoration.

We then worked on the three main priorities identified for the next six years, developing statements, recommendations and actions for the final Chapter document. Throughout the process, our facilitator encouraged us to remain open to the Spirit and to discern together, asking: "What could be? What should be?"

On the final day of our Chapter, newly elected General Superior Sr. Deborah Reho announced the new Congregational Leadership Team. We warmly welcome and thank Sr. Gratia Kim, Sr. Sophy Francis, Sr. Letitia Andowa and Sr. Susan Magoinga (PNG Province). May the Holy Spirit guide them with wisdom, humility and love as they serve our congregation. ✞



SWEEPSTAKES

Congratulations to our June Calendar Sweepstakes Winners! Thank you to all you played! You helped raise more than $14,000 for our retired MSC Sisters.

Tom S, Victoria K, Tom D, Thomas W, Diane S, Theresa C, Jean T, Helen D, Mary P, Sylvia W, Mathilda D, David K, Loretta G, and Ronald Y

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"In appreciation for your continued service and devotion. All the members of the Queenship of Mary Church Our Lady's Women's Guild extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the MSC Sisters for all their work and assistance rendered to Queenship of Mary Parish and School throughout the years." Rita



Sr. Deborah Reho and the faculty gather in 2011 at Queenship of Mary School in Northampton, Pennsylvania to commemorate the last MSC Sister's service as principal.

"Thank you for making me a part of your family. My greatest joy in the past was working for Sacred Heart Villa. The relationships and friendships I had with the sisters and residents filled my heart." Fran

"LOVE YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK LADIES!" David

St. Henry's Union



In November of 2025, a nostalgic and loving group of St. Henry's Philadelphia 1975 graduates celebrated their 50th reunion. Alongside them were former teachers Sisters Dorothy Fabritze and Rosemarie Sommers as well as Sister Patrice Cosgrove who is a St. Henry's graduate.

NAMIBIA: Development of Omakuva School

Omakuva School continues to make good progress in its development. Currently, the school offers classes up to Grade 3, and learner enrollment has increased significantly. This year, we successfully enrolled 223 learners, demonstrating the growing demand for education within the Omakuva community.

To accommodate this growth and improve learning opportunities, the Omakuva School development project remains ongoing. Construction of four additional classrooms and new education facilities is currently in progress. These classrooms are being built to support the school's planned expansion to Grade 7 and to provide adequate learning space for our increasing number of learners. Although we face significant challenges, we remain confident that the project will be completed. We are committed to doing everything possible to move the construction forward and bring this important project to completion.

Development of the Garden Shows Growth

The Sisters' garden at Omakuva has shown encouraging progress over the past months. What started as a small garden has grown into an important source of vegetables. The garden now produces crops such as sweet potatoes, maize, green peppers, tomatoes, onions, butternuts, and carrots.

Despite these positive developments, however, the garden still faces several challenges. One of the major difficulties is the lack of a proper irrigation system which makes it difficult to maintain production throughout the year. Another challenge is the lack of adequate fencing, allowing animals to enter the garden and damage the crops. We hope to conquer these challenges as donations increase.

The garden remains an important project for the Sisters. Sr. Lucia remains committed to its purpose and continues to work diligently to improve the garden and to increase its productivity. ✞



Our garden, where Sr. Lucia walks among cornstalks, is a positive sign of growth, commitment, and hope. It has the potential to contribute significantly to the long-term sustainability of our community.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Sewing Room Progress Update



MSC Sisters in Papua New Guinea created the sewing room initiative to provide practical sewing skills and learning opportunities for young girls and women in the community who are seeking support, guidance, and a pathway toward self-reliance.

Currently, three young women from the village are actively participating in the program under the guidance of Sr. Christin Sari, MSC. The sewing room has become a safe and encouraging environment where students are learning basic sewing techniques, machine operation, garment construction, and the values of patience, discipline, and creativity. Originally established by MSC Sisters several years ago, the program now has expanded to train young women in sewing liturgical vestments and church linens, as well as blouses and skirts.

Since the commencement of the program, the participants have shown enthusiasm and commitment to learning. They are gradually gaining confidence using the sewing machines and completing a variety of projects. Beyond technical skills, the sewing room also provides mentorship and opportunities for personal development, helping young women build self-confidence and prepare for future income-generating activities.

The support received from our donors has been instrumental in making this initiative possible. The sewing equipment and materials – all expensive - are used regularly and contribute significantly to the learning process. We are encouraged by the progress made so far and by the positive impact the project is having on the lives of these young women.

Looking ahead, we are expanding the sewing room to accommodate more young women and girls from the surrounding communities who are interested in learning sewing skills. Our goal is to empower them with practical knowledge that will improve their livelihoods and create opportunities for greater independence.

We sincerely thank our donors whose contributions are helping to create opportunities for education, empowerment, and hope. ✞

MSC Oktoberfest 2026

MSC Oktoberfest 2026, held on October 11 at the Reading Liederkranz, is now an exceedingly pleasant memory. Although the often-pounding rain threatened to spoil the celebration, our folks came out in numbers to rally against the outside elements to create a cozy, welcoming atmosphere rife with joyful reunions, first time meetings, and Oktoberfest-style fun – German music from the Josef Kroboth Band, dancing, beer, food – and the hopeful anticipation of winning a "wunderbar" basket.

MSC Sisters extend grateful appreciation for all their Oktoberfest guests and donors whose combined contributions of sponsorship, attendance, volunteerism, and various donations resulted in an enjoyable and profitable event. Special thanks to those who drove from miles away to be with us. And for those who couldn't make the journey, we extend our love and hope that we meet again soon.

We also extend our love and appreciation to our Oktoberfest Committee, most of whom have been members for more than ten years: Andrea Bensusan, Kathy Blume, Nancy Chaiko, Janet Decembrino, Sue Kasopsky, Carol Noga, Carm Sosik, and Barb Spinka. Event day volunteer thanks also go out to: Craig Blume, Annmarie Dallao, David Decembrino, Tony DiGirolamo, Mike Gallagher, Barb Levan, Anthony & Aiden Rudderow, Joseph E. Rudderow, Rosemarie Sandman, Rick Spinka, and Bernie Whitmoyer. Volunteers own our MSC mission of love as their own and contribute greatly to its propagation.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved now and forever. Amen.









MSC Sisters thank all who attended and all who sponsored our Oktoberfest celebration: our Annual Event Sponsors, Oktoberfest Sponsors, Mission Friends, Sisters' Meal Sponsors, and In-kind Donors. A complete list of these fine folks can be found at mscreading.org.

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Sacred Heart Tree of Life Remains a Focal Point of Gratitude and Love



The MSC Sisters' Tree of Life took its place in the Lobby of Sacred Heart Villa in 2010 and today it hangs in the Sisters' Province Center meeting room for all to observe with loving gratitude. The names printed on this tree represent many lifetimes of memories, faith, and love held in the hearts of those who have remained.

Should you have an interest in including a loved one's name on this memorial tree, please contact our Mission Advancement Office at MissionAdvancement@mscreading.org.