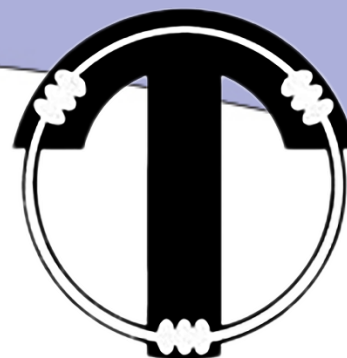


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SISTERS ASSEMBLED FOR NEW CHAPTER DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP

(Oldenburg, IN, April 2024) The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg assembled for their Chapter (governing sessions) on April 14 - 20, 2024. This convocation, the first since 2018, set a new direction for the Community of Sisters and Associates and its leadership as they planned for the next five years.

The members prepared for this Chapter by a year-long study of critical issues to the Community and by daily prayer for the Spirit's guidance. Prayerful discernment was woven into each daily deliberation of the assembly, as well. Topics discussed included sustainability, future governance of the Community, supporting Franciscan vocations, and reaffirming the Associate relationship.

A four-member Leadership Team was elected by the Chapter body. New Team members are S. Maureen Irvin, Congregational Minister; S. Robbie Pentecost, First Councilor; S. Susan Marie Pleiss, Councilor; and S. Margaret Rahe, Councilor. The new General Council will be installed at a Liturgy on June 30, 2024. Their term of office will extend until June 30, 2029.

If you would like further information about this, please feel free to contact us. You may also find additional information by visiting our website at www.oldenburgfranciscans.org.

About Sisters of St. Francis Oldenburg

"We, the Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Oldenburg, are women of prayer, committed to the Gospel values as lived by St. Francis and Mother Theresa Hackelmeier. From our life in community we are sent to extend the mission of Jesus through our presence and service. Enlivened by a spirit of justice, reconciliation and peace, we collaborate with others in responding to the needs of the world."

We fulfill these words by being women of prayer in the ministries we do and the places where we are present. Conscious of the many needs of the world, we minister in education, parish ministry, social service, healthcare and social justice.