

# ACDP CONNECTION

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## Recapping October Gathering

On October 19, 2024, Associates gathered at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center to reflect on Providence and our shared future. Sister Rose Kruppa led the day with a warm welcome, and we explored the history of CDP Associates. Through heartfelt discussions, we named the realities we face as a community, acknowledging the impact of changing structures and the evolving Associate-Sister relationship.

The gathering was an opportunity to reflect on where we are going as a community. We discussed future leadership models, with the understanding that sometimes it's okay to sit with uncertainty. Providence has guided the CDP Associates in the past, and we continue to trust in it as we move forward. We closed with a prayer, reminding us to embody Providence spirituality as we lead the way into the future.

We invite you to reflect on the standing stones in your life, those moments and people that remind you of God's Providence. Together, we continue to stand firm in our faith, supporting each other as we move forward in our shared mission.

## Prayer for Leadership

As we approach the 2024 Presidential Election, we are called to reflect prayerfully on the qualities we seek in our leaders. Joan Chittister's Prayer for Leadership reminds us that true leaders serve the common good and work with others to create a safer and more just world.

Chittister's prayer highlights the need for wisdom, compassion, and global responsibility in leadership. As we prepare to vote, may we seek leaders who prioritize the well-being of all, not just personal gain.

"Give us the hearts to choose the leader who will work with other leaders to bring safety to the whole world." (Joan Chittister)

This prayer invites us to reflect on how the values of the Sisters of Divine Providence—justice, peace, and love—align with the leadership we need in these times.

## BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Marianne Miller  
Pedro Valdez
- 3 Alex Covarrubias
- 4 Sara Garza Camack
- 5 Sue Cessac  
Deanna Hinterberger
- 12 Manuela Castaneda
- 14 Leah Alviar  
Brianda Zarate
- 16 Maria Isabel Castro  
Irene Martin Garcia
- 17 Bill Gier
- 18 Maria del Carmen Medellin
- 19 Mary Francine Danis  
Sharlyn Spell
- 20 Felix Chavez
- 22 Jeanette Marie Foor  
Stephanie Sites
- 23 Bill Brownsberger
- 24 Alicia Garcia
- 26 Rosario (Rosie) Cantu
- 28 Edna Hinojosa  
Juanita Martinez  
Amparo Medina
- 30 Minerva Hernandez  
Margaret Leshikar

## MOYE QUOTES

Providence feeds the birds of the air, it clothes the lillies of the field; it will also feed you... Therefore, put everything into its hands.



## Embracing Life's Collage - Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday; it's an opportunity to reflect on the full spectrum of life's experiences. Sister Esther Habermann, CDP, poetically captures this sentiment in her reflection, reminding us that life is a collage—filled with both joys and challenges, beauty and pain.

As we enter this season of gratitude, let us embrace all aspects of life, knowing that each moment contributes to our growth and is shaped by God's Providence. Thanksgiving invites us to appreciate the diversity of our experiences and recognize them as gifts.

"Thanksgiving is a collage of life:  
Abundance and poverty,  
All the extremes of existence,  
All the feelings: joy, sadness, peace,  
Turmoil, anger, contentment, love,  
Loneliness."

## Thank You, Next Steps

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the October Gathering. Your presence, contributions, and prayers made it a memorable day. Stay tuned for more information as we continue to discern our path forward together.



## ... November Dates

- 1 - All Saints' Day
- 2 - All Souls' Day
- 3 - St. Martin de Porres Feast Day
- 5 - Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 6 - Election Day (U.S.)
- 11 - Name Day of John Martin Moyer
- 19 - World Day of the Poor
- 20 - Feast of Our Lady of Providence
- 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

**Sunday Mass at 11am (CT) [www.facebook.com/CDPSister](https://www.facebook.com/CDPSister)**



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