





## *Spirituality*

In traditional Providence theology, humans are the recipients of God's care. Theology has broadened our understanding of Providence to be more than God's care for the world and our trust and acceptance in that care. Providence is also about the way God's care is made visible in our world, and it can happen only through us, through our active concern for those in need, through our "partnering" with God.

## *Mission*

We are women of varied and diverse backgrounds, cultures and talents united in our deep trust in a Provident God who loves and cares for all creation. Reflecting God's compassionate involvement in the world, we are called to hold all life sacred; create communities of joy and love; promote justice; seek to advance the cause of all people, especially those in need; and make Providence visible throughout the world.

## *Membership*

Vowed membership entails a process that begins with Inquiry. This is a time to get to know the community and our charism, spirit and spirituality. A woman in discernment visits, shares prayer and meals with us and may have the option of a live-in experience.

The next step is to become a Pre-Novitiate candidate. At this time, a woman lives in community and experiences our life more fully.

The next step in the process is the Novitiate, a more intense time of discernment and self-reflection which consists of two years:

- Canonical Year: Time to study the theology of religious life, scripture and prayer, and the charism and history of the community
- Apostolic Year: Time to study and experience the ministries of the community.

Next, is the profession of Temporary Vows. A woman professes to live the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. This three- to six-year period is a time to integrate theory and experience into lived commitment within the community.

The final step in the formation process is Perpetual Profession. At this time, a woman makes a public commitment to live the vows as a Sister of Divine Providence for life.

## *Community*

To live "in community" is to be a part of something larger than yourself. As Sisters of Divine Providence, we live together; sharing prayer, meals and daily activities, supporting each other in times of transition and joining together in celebration and sorrow. Community living calls us to self-sacrifice—a willingness to place the needs of others above the wants of self. Living in community, we develop bonds of friendship, trust and compassion.

Communal prayer and personal reflection enable us to deepen our faith in a Provident God and bring us to a fuller understanding of ourselves and our relationships.

Community living and shared faith experiences empower Women of Providence in their mission to transform the world.

## *You Are Invited*

Is God calling you to do more with your life? Do you long to respond to God's loving invitation? Join us in the adventure of making God's Providence more visible in our world. We live in community, embrace an enriching prayer life and serve God's people through a variety of ministries in the Church and in the world. We are risk-takers, open to new ways of meeting the needs of the times. As Sisters of Divine Providence, we are part of a diverse international congregation serving in Germany, South Korea and Peru. The Marie de la Roche Province includes the United States, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. We invite women from 18 to 50 to join us in our mission of co-creating a world of compassion, justice and peace.



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