

Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood



General Chapter 2019

Chapter Happenings No 12

Sunday 19 May 2019



NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are very pleased to announce our new **Congregational Leadership Team**, serving from 2019—2025.

Photos (from left to right)

Sister Helena McEvilly (1st Councillor)

Sister Jane Bertelsen (Congregational Leader)

Sister Helen Doyle (2nd Councillor)

Sister Monica Weedon (3rd Councillor)



DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Chapter Members began the discernment process on Thursday 16th with a **Contemplative Day**. There were no gatherings and the day was in silence.

Over the next three days Margaret, our facilitator, led us through a Spirit-led and grace-filled process. This involved opportunities for conversation with other Chapter Members, with those whose names were raised and if they had any questions for them that would help in their discernment. All this was interspersed with periods of quiet reflection. When the Chapter Members felt they had enough information and sufficient time to listen to the movements of the Spirit, they proceeded to call forth, by election, the sisters to lead our Congregation for the next six years.

Sunday morning, 19th May: After a prayerful reflection led by our facilitator, the Chapter Members proceeded with the elections for the General Councillors. By mid-morning, the election process was completed. It was a solemn moment when the members accepted their Leadership roles for the next six years. This was followed by congratulations to the members of the new Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) with singing and drumming led by our African sisters.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND JOYOUS MOMENTS to celebrate
and give thanks to God for our new Congregational Leadership Team**



THOUGHTS from the new Leadership Team



"Happy to be part of the team"

- Helen Doyle



"Fruits of the Holy Spirit"

- Jane Bertelsen



"It is indeed the God of surprises"

- Helen McEvilly



"A beautiful Chapter message - we will all move forward together"

- Monica Weedon



SUNDAY MASS: At 11am, members gathered in the Chapel for Eucharist to give thanks to God for guidance in the Election process during the last 3 days. It was a lively liturgy with great singing and drumming led by our sisters from Africa and we were invited to sing and dance too!

As soon as the news was delivered worldwide, messages came streaming in, so we have created a board for this. Thank you, sisters for your connecting with us with your constant prayers and Masses offered throughout the Chapter. We felt very connected with you.

