



Fact Sheet *Sisters of Saint Francis*

The Congregational Offices of the Sisters of Saint Francis, Rochester, MN, are located at Assisi Heights. Over half of the members of the Congregation reside at Assisi Heights, the others actively work and live in Rochester and other Minnesota communities, as well as several U.S. states and in Colombia. In 2008, the Sisters opened the Assisi Heights Spirituality Center for use by the local civic community. The Sisters of Saint Francis wish to maintain a vital role in the development and support of the community, continuing the rich heritage begun over 140 years ago by Mother Alfred Moes.

Who Are the Sisters of Saint Francis?

Identity

The Congregation wishes to be referred to as the Sisters of Saint Francis, Rochester, Minnesota. The term Rochester Franciscans also indicates the participation of Cojourners in addition to vowed members (Sisters). Cojourning is a formal covenant between the Sisters of Saint Francis and women/men in the broader community. Sisters and Cojourners share a desire for spiritual growth in the Franciscan tradition, and support Franciscan values and concerns.

Size of the Congregation



162
Sisters



123
Cojourners

What Is Their Mission?

Led by the Holy Spirit to embrace the Gospel life of continual conversion, through prayer, community and service, in the tradition of Francis, Clare and Mother Alfred, we, Rochester Franciscan Sisters and Cojourners, commit ourselves to be a compassionate presence for peace in our world, striving for justice and reverence for all creation.

Mission Statement
Adopted May, 2003

Sharing Common Ground

Several organizations now lease office and/or conference space at Assisi Heights. They include, but are not limited to: Mayo Clinic, SE MN Synod ELCA, Choral Arts Ensemble, Honors Choir, the Southeastern MN Youth Orchestra (SEMYO), and Catholic Charities.

What Is Their Outreach:

Ministries

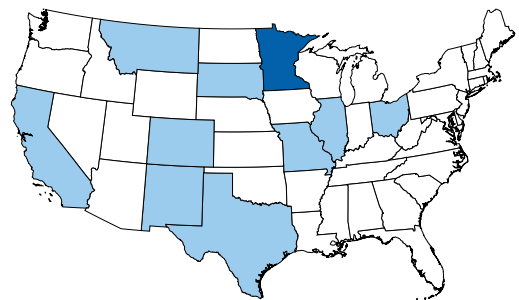
The Sisters of Saint Francis, as well as the Cojourners, are involved in a wide variety of ministries, which includes: teaching, healthcare, pastoral care, social justice, ecology, fine arts, missionary work, spiritual direction and others.



Where Are They Located?

Minnesota: A majority of the Congregation is located in Rochester and other communities throughout the state.

National: In addition to MN, the Sisters live and serve in eight other states: CA, CO, IL, MO, MT, NM, SD, and TX.



International: Three Sisters continue mission work in Colombia, where the congregation founded two schools and a clinic in the economically challenged areas of Bogotá. In Cambodia, the Sisters' ministry included founding a school to prepare men and women for careers in education. Although no Sisters have been in active ministry in Cambodia for several years, the school continues to this day.



Colombia



Cambodia

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