Installation of General Leadership

Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes

Holy Family Church
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

August 27, 2022
Eucharistic Celebration
With
Installation
Of
General Leadership
Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes

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Holy Family Church
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
10:30 a.m.
General Leadership

Sister Sharon Pollnow
General Superior

Sister Peg Spindler
General Vicar

Sister Madeline Gianforte
General Councilor

Sister Lael Niblick
General Councilor

Presider:
Archbishop Jerome Listecki
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
MASS OF INSTALLATION
August 27, 2022

Prelude Music  
Instrumental

Welcome  
Sister Jean Steffes

Gathering Song  
O God Beyond All Praising
Gather #598

Greeting  
Archbishop Listecki

Sprinkling Rite  
Water of Life (Agua de Vida)

Opening Prayer
LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading    Ephesians 4: 1—7

Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 100 We Are God’s People  Gather #71

Gospel Acclamation  Honduras  Gather #338

Gospel    Matthew 5: 13—16

Homily    Archbishop Listecki

INSTALLATION RITUAL

(Please remain seated.)

Transfer of Leadership    Sister Jean asks Sister Sharon to come forward.

Sing    Take, O Take Me As I Am (twice)  Gather #795
**Archbishop Listekci:**
Sister Sharon, your election to leadership is a call from the community and for the community. The office of general superior places on you an awesome responsibility, not only to the Sisters of St. Agnes, the associates, your CSA partners in ministry, but also to the broader Church as well. It is within the Church that the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes has its life and meaning. The CSA Constitutions state that “the general superior involves the sisters in discerning with her the ecclesial role that the congregation can fill in the world. As the primary voice of the congregation, she inspires, leads, and educates the sisters toward increased unity, holiness, and apostolic effectiveness in proclaiming the reign of God.” (*Constitutions #105*)

Sister Sharon, your congregation is a gift to the church and the church stands ready to support you in your ministry of leadership.

**Sisters:**
Sister Sharon, as you begin this term of leadership, we, your sisters, look to you for:

- a discerning spirit to further the unfolding of our lives as we embrace our future with hope and trust
- a courageous heart that seeks truth and is open to God’s call as revealed through prayer and through deep listening
- a transforming love that will challenge each of us to live our call with authenticity and fidelity

**Reception of Seal**

**Sister Jean:**
Sister Sharon, receive the seal of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. It is the emblem of your office and the sign of your authority to govern and serve the congregation in your term of leadership, 2022-2026.
Sister Sharon:
I accept the office entrusted to me by the Sisters of St. Agnes. With God’s continuing grace and with the help of all, I will make every effort to carry out the duties and responsibilities that this role of leadership requires of me. I commit myself to furthering the direction for CSA set by Chapter 2022.

Blessing (All assembled extend their hands in blessing.)

Archbishop Listecki:
I sign you now with the cross of Jesus Christ and call forth God’s blessings upon your ministry of leadership. May the God of wisdom be ever present to enlighten your deliberations and to guide your decisions; the God of courage and strength be there to support you when you are confronted with your own human limitations. May you carry out your office as general superior with a peace-filled spirit, confident that a power beyond your own is always at work within you. Begin this term, then, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Assembly: Amen.

Sisters:
With joyful confidence in God’s providential care for our community, we accept you, Sister Sharon, as our general superior. We promise to support you with prayer, enthusiasm, loyalty, truth, and love.

Others Assembled:
As associates, partners in ministry, family, and friends of CSA, we, too, pledge our prayerful support to you, Sister Sharon, as you begin this term of ministry as general superior.

Assembly: Amen.
Call to Leadership of General Councilors

(Sister Sharon invites Sisters Peg, Madeline, and Lael forward.)

**Song:**  *Take, O Take Me As I Am*  Gather #795 (twice)

**Sister Sharon:**
Sisters Peg, Madeline, and Lael, your role in the leadership of the community is a vital one. As general superior, I look to you as councilors for advice, support, and continued collaboration. The congregation and the Church depend on you to use your unique gifts as we, together with our sisters, associates, and partners in ministry weave our future with honesty and hope, and further the mission of Jesus responding to the needs of our times with courage, wholeheartedness, and missionary zeal.

**Sisters Peg, Madeline, and Lael:**
We stand here today ready to respond to the call of our sisters to serve in leadership ministry with you, Sister Sharon. Empowered by the grace of God at work within and among us, we place our lives and our individual gifts at the service of the community, the Church, and our longing world.

**Blessing**  (All assembled extend their hands in blessing.)

**Archbishop Listecki:**
Sisters, may the love of Christ bring you together as you join Sister Sharon in the ministry of leadership. May the love that binds you together in service become an effective source of strength in your efforts to further the reign of God. We bless you now, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**Assembly:**  Amen.
Sisters:
Sisters Peg, Madeline, and Lael, in a spirit of faith and love we accept your leadership role in our congregation. Grateful for the gifts that each of you brings to the general council, and thus to the community and the Church, we will support your efforts and respond to your leadership with prayer, enthusiasm, loyalty, truth, and love.

Others Assembled:
As associates, partners in ministry, family, and friends of CSA, we, too, pledge our prayerful support to you, Sisters Peg, Madeline, and Lael, as you begin your ministry as general councilors.

Concluding Prayer (All stand and pray together.)

God, Creator and Source of all that is good, we stand before you today aware of another new moment in CSA’s history. We depend on your loving care of all women religious as we move into an era that is yet to be revealed. Send your Spirit upon these newly-elected leaders, Sisters Sharon, Peg, Madeline, and Lael.

Give them eyes to see the vision to which you continue to call the congregation.

Give them ears to hear your Word, whether spoken in their hearts, around their meeting table, or in the voices of the community, the church, and the world.

Give them hearts eager to receive, to love, and to forgive, thus calling each of us to reflect the face of God in all of our relationships. Amen.
Prayer of the Faithful (Sing twice at beginning of petitions and once at end.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts

Presentation Song We Come to Your Feast
Gather #938 verses 1-3

Holy, Holy Mass of Christ the Savior
Memorial Acclamation  
When We Eat This Bread  
By Dan Schutte

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen  
Mass of Christ the Savior  
By Dan Schutte

Lord’s Prayer  
Recited  
Archbishop Listecki invites all to share a Sign of Peace.  
Lamb of God  
Mass of Christ the Savior

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. World, grant us peace.
Communion Songs  Let Us Be Bread  Gather #946  
Pan de Vida  Gather #920

*Sister Ruth Battaglia will distribute gluten-free hosts. If you cannot come up to receive, a minister will bring you the host after all others have received. Please raise your hand so minister can see you.*

Prayer after Communion

Remarks:  Sister Sharon Pollnow, CSA

Concluding Rite

**Archbishop Listecki:**  The Lord be with you.
**Assembly:**  And with your spirit.

Blessing

**Archbishop Listecki:**
Inspired by the charism and mission of the Sisters of St. Agnes, may you be blessed with a missionary zeal for nurturing the seed of faith.

**Assembly:**  Amen.

**Archbishop Listecki:**
May you be blessed with the ability to respond to life with wholeheartedness and joy, to manifest unassuming simplicity in all your relationships, and to receive with genuine hospitality all who come to you.

**Assembly:**  Amen.

**Archbishop Listecki:**
May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Assembly:**  Amen.

**Archbishop Listecki:**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Assembly:**  Amen.
Recessional Song  

Sing, O Sing by Dan Schutte

1. Sing, O sing, like the wind and sea; let music fill the skies!  
   Lift your voice like the thundering waves: let songs of praise arise!  
   Praise God with drums and dancing! Praise God with flute and horn!  
   Bless-ed be our God, Mighty Lord of all!

2. Night and day we announce your praise, O Lord of every land,  
   Give you thanks for the sun and stars, all blessings of your hand.  
   Help-er of all who labor, Comfort to all who mourn.  
   Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!

3. Mighty Master of raging storm, we kneel before your pow'r.  
   Loving Lord of the faithful rain that makes the desert flow'r.  
   Giver of song and sorrow, Grower of every seed.  
   Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!

4. Hear us, Lord of the sun and moon; we bless you night and day.  
   Guide us, Lord, as we journey home; be with us on our way.  
   Spirit of field and forest, Pow-er of snow and rain.  
   Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!

5. Make us shine like the stars of night; we bless your holy name!  
   Make our love like a blazing light; O set our hearts a-flame!  
   Master of dawn and darkness, Maker of shining star.  
   Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!

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**Greeters/Ushers:**  Sisters Judy Vander Grinten, Marilyn Winkel, Mary Riedel, Mary Noel Brown

**Music:**  Paul Thelen  
**Cantor:**  Sister Alice Ann Pfeifer  
**Flute:**  Sister Cyndi Nienhaus

**Altar Assistant:**  Sister Ruth Battaglia

**Cross Bearer:**  Wayne Pollnow

**Sprinkling:**  Archbishop Listecki, Sister Jane Jaszewski, Sister Ruth Battaglia, and Carol Braun

**Symbols:**
- **Seal**  Sister Jean Steffes
- **Constitutions**  Sister Jean Hinderer
- **Chapter Statement**  Sister Joanita Stelter

**First Reading:**  Al Frecker

**General Intercessions:**
Written by Sister Jeremy Quinn and Read by Sister Donna Innes

**Preparation of the Gifts:**
- **Altar Cloth**  Sisters Josephine Goebel and Katie Schilling  
- **Candles**  Patrick Gianforte and Sister Wilhelmina Schoch  
- **Gifts:**
  - **Bread**  Rose Gianforte  
  - **Wine**  Mary Frecker

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- **Eucharist**  Archbishop Listecki, Sister Jomarie Zielke, Associate Esther Hicks, Ralph Pollnow
Thank You

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