



Monastery of the Visitation



Visitation School



Convent of the Visitation
School provides an excellent
education within a Catholic
environment permeated by
Salesian Spirituality and
the living tradition of the
Visitation Sisters.

VISITATION MISSION

Dear Visitation Families, Alumnae/i and Friends,

The Visitation community is dedicated to living our mission and preserving the legacy of our Sisters and our school for generations to come. In July of 2018, I shared with you important information regarding changes in the Monastery and the Sisters' succession planning. These changes included Archbishop Bernard Hebda naming Sister Mary Frances Reis, VHM '55 as Administrative Superior of the Monastery. The Sisters and school have prepared this joint communication to update you on the current status of their planning.

During this important time, we will continue to collaborate closely with the Sisters and provide you with details as future plans develop. Let us embrace the words of St. Jane de Chantal, "Live joyously and courageously, never doubting that Jesus Christ is entirely yours."

All of our beloved Visitation Sisters and their legacy are an inspiration. They have taught us well and encourage us to live out our mission with joyful optimism. What a wise lesson for each of us to practice as we enter Advent, the season of prayerful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise.

Please continue to hold the Sisters in your thoughts and prayers.

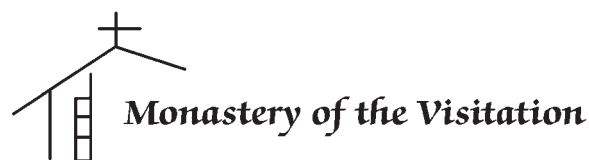
Abundant Advent blessings,



RENE GAVIC
HEAD OF SCHOOL



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Dear Friends of Visitation,

Six years ago, our community began meeting with a trusted group of friends and advisors to help us develop a thoughtful plan for the lifelong care of the Mendota Heights Sisters and the continuation of Visitation as an independent, Catholic school in the Salesian tradition. We named our group the HOPE Committee, which stands for Help Our Plans Evolve. Together, we have reached a pivotal point in our planning, and we Sisters would like to share an update with you, our friends and extended family.

The three of us currently living in Mendota Heights, Sisters Brigid Marie Keefe, Mary Paula McCarthy and Mary Denise Villaume, are moving out of the Monastery between now and mid-January 2019 and living elsewhere. We will be returning to the school often to continue our ministry of prayerful presence and to participate in special events. Each of us is at peace with this inevitable decision, and we are grateful for the careful preparations that have brought us to this point.

Most obvious among our preparations has been the conscientious work we began decades ago to prepare our school community to carry forward our legacy of Catholic Salesian education. We are grateful the school is so strong today and are confident the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff have embraced our mission, and we remain committed to our collaboration with the school to ensure the strength of our Catholic Salesian identity remains vibrant for generations to come.

Our Administrative Superior, Sister Mary Frances Reis of the Visitation Monastery of Minneapolis, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, our school administration and the HOPE Committee have been supporting us in countless ways. We continue working in a very orderly manner on details regarding the smooth transition of our sponsorship of the school and our new living arrangements. You will be receiving more information on our plans in the coming months.

In the meantime, please continue praying for us and our school. Be assured of our prayers for you and our confidence in the words of our co-founder, Saint Francis de Sales, "The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day..."

Your Sisters in Christ,

S. Brigid Marie Keefe, VHM

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Sister Mary Paula McCarthy, VHM

SISTER MARY PAULA MCCARTHY, VHM

Sister Mary Denise Villaume, VHM

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Sister Mary Frances Reis, VHM

SISTER MARY FRANCIS REIS, VHM
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERIOR

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SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES



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