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Sisters of the Holy Cross Install 2019-2024 General Administration

Notre Dame, Indiana — The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross installed its 2019-2024 General Administration on Sunday, September 8, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Members of the General Administration are: Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), CSC, president; Sister Pushpa Teresa Gomes, CSC, first councilor; Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC, general secretary; Sister Esther Adjoa Entsiwah, CSC, councilor; Sister Kathleen Moroney, CSC, general treasurer; Sister Mary Tiernan, CSC, councilor; and Sister Suzanne Brennan, CSC, councilor.

Congregation President Sister M. Veronique (Wiedower), CSC, is serving her second term in this leadership role. She previously worked for five years at Saint Mary's College, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Indiana, serving as a campus minister and then vice president for Mission. Her prior ministries include serving as a faculty and staff member at St. Joseph Seminary in Los Altos, California, and directing the Office of Women Religious for the Diocese of San Diego, California. Sister Veronique worked in initial formation for the Congregation and from 1994 to 2004 she served on the Congregation's Leadership Team. Sister Veronique entered the Congregation from San Diego in 1965.

First Councilor Sister Pushpa Teresa Gomes, CSC, has served as Area of Asia coordinator since 2014. For the past eight years, she has been assistant headmistress of Holy Cross Girls' High School, Dhaka, Bangladesh, and for the past three years, she has been an advisor and served on the governing body for Holy Cross College, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, also in Dhaka. From 2004 to 2009 she served as a councilor on the Congregation's General Leadership Team, and previously ministered as a teacher and school headmistress in Bangladesh. For the Area of Asia, Sister Pushpa also served as novice director, formation coordinator and on the Congregation's International Formation Coordination Team.

Sister Pushpa entered the Congregation from Dhaka in 1980.

General Secretary Sister Catherine Osimo, CSC, has served as director of Congregational Archives and Records since 2015. For 20 years she taught secondary education in California, and was assistant headmaster for student life at Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai. She also served as associate director of youth ministry and vocations at Weber State College, Ogden, Utah. Working in parish ministry in California, she was a pastoral associate and director of catechetical ministry. She entered the Congregation from Santa Ana, California, in 1963.

Councilor Sister Esther Adjoa Entsiwah, CSC, has served as Area of Africa coordinator, and previously was a candidate director in Ghana and a country vocation animator. She has ministered in teaching, school administration, school counseling, and formation. Sister Esther also was a member of the Congregation's General Committee for Finance, Congregation Stewardship Committee and Congregation Justice Committee. She entered the Congregation from Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana, in 1991.

General Treasurer Sister Kathleen Moroney, CSC, has ministered in immigration services, launching the Immigration Department of Holy Cross Ministries, Salt Lake City, Utah, a Congregation-sponsored ministry. She also served in immigration law with Catholic Charities, Washington, D.C. She worked in finance in various congregational ministries, including Mount Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. She was an attorney for the Congregation's Generalate, provided parish ministry in Brazil, and served as the Congregation's general councilor for finance for 10 years. She entered the Congregation from Greenbelt, Maryland, in 1957.

Councilor Sister Mary Tiernan, CSC, has ministered in multicultural services, serving as CEO of Intercultural Consultation Services and with Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Maryland. She was on the initial International Novitiate team from 2009 to 2015 and served as novice director. Her ministries have included nursing, working with parents of children with special needs, and opening three missions in Brazil. She has served on the Congregation Justice Committee, the Latin America formation team, and the Congregation's International Vocation Coordination Team. Sister Mary entered the Congregation from Silver Spring, Maryland, in 1971.

Councilor Sister Suzanne Brennan, CSC, who served for the past five years as general treasurer on the Congregation's General Leadership Team, will serve as councilor on the 2019-2024 team. She served as a social worker, was in healthcare administration in a number of medical centers, served in governance roles and, for 16 years, was the executive director of Holy Cross Ministries in Salt Lake City. She entered the Congregation from Chicago, Illinois, in 1965.

A group PHOTO of the 2019-2024 General Administration is attached to this email. Photos of individual leadership members are available upon request.

(Photo caption)

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross installed its new 2019–2024 General Administration on September 8 in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana. Leadership members are, top row from left, Holy Cross Sisters Suzanne Brennan, councilor; Kathleen Moroney, general treasurer; Catherine Osimo, general secretary; and Mary Tiernan, councilor; and front row from left, Holy Cross Sisters Pushpa Teresa Gomes, first councilor; M. Veronique (Wiedower), president; and Esther Adjoa Entsiwah, councilor.

Read more about the installation and the new team at www.cscsisters.org/new-holy-cross-leadership-installed/.

About the Sisters of the Holy Cross

Founded in 1841 in Le Mans, France, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is an international and intercultural community of women religious whose motherhouse is in Notre Dame, Indiana. The Congregation serves in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ghana, India, Mexico, Peru, Uganda and the United States. Sisters of the Holy Cross are called to be witnesses of God's transforming love for the life of the world. Their ministries focus on providing education and health care services, eradicating material poverty and ending discrimination—giving witness to God's desire for the transformation of human hearts, human relationships and all creation. To learn more about the Sisters of the Holy Cross, visit www.cscsisters.org.

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