

**A PROMISE OF
GOD'S PROVIDENCE:**

*For I know well the plans I have
in mind for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare,
not for woe.*

*Plans to give you a future
full of hope.*

— *Jeremiah 29:11*

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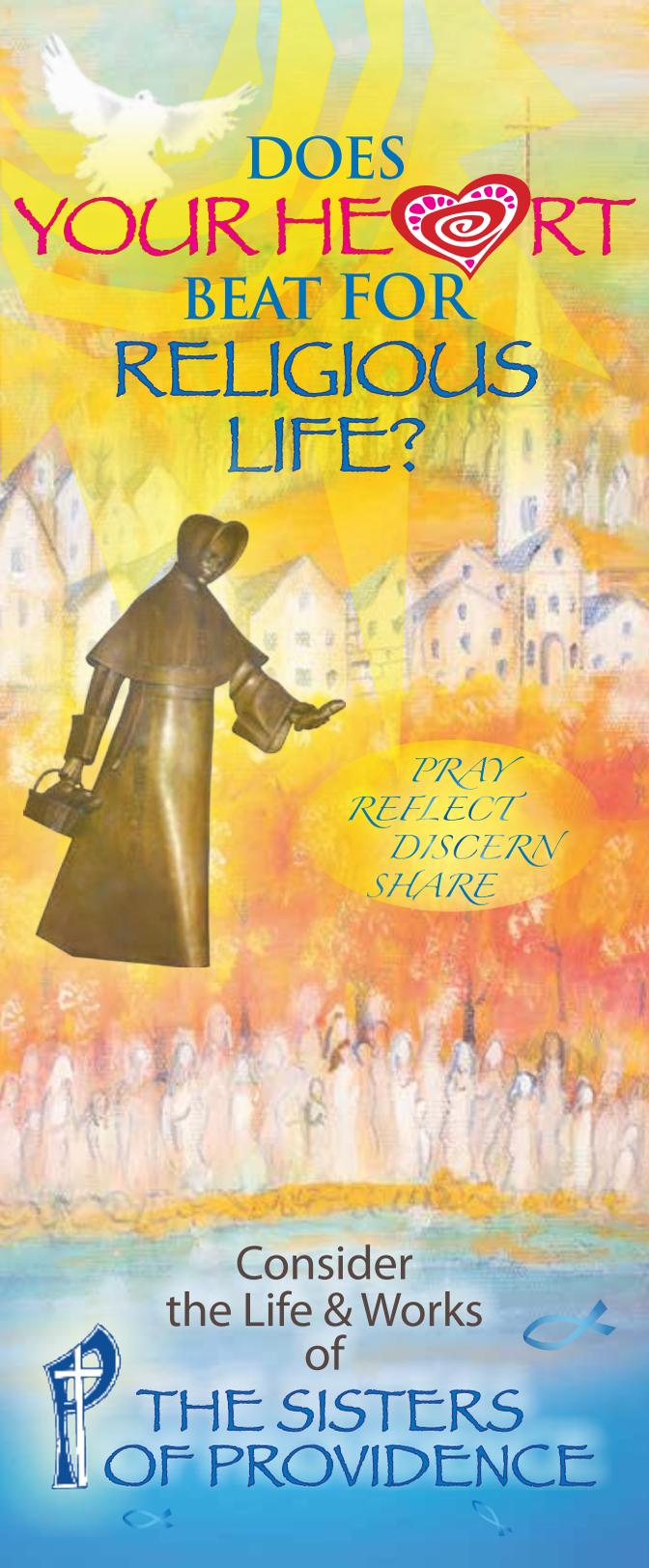
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Are you considering a vocation to religious life?
Would you like to know more about becoming a
Sister of Providence?

TRANSITION INTO RELIGIOUS LIFE

CANDIDATE

One to two years living with the Sisters of Providence to become acquainted with our charism and mission, experience community life and continue your Christian formation as a pre-novice.

NOVICE

Two-year formation to experience the call to vowed life in community.

PROFESSION OF TEMPORARY VOWS

Three to six years living in community under the temporary vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and sharing in full-time ministry.

PROFESSION OF PERPETUAL VOWS

Finally, the sister pronounces her perpetual vows which give expression to a commitment for life in the religious community.

We are interested in women with strength and conviction to serve those in need with the same compassionate care demonstrated by our foundress, Blessed Emile Gamelin.



The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to his harvest. — Matthew 9: 37

GET TO KNOW US

Start an email conversation. Pay a visit. Join us for lunch, a retreat and open house.

COME AND SEE

We're happy to schedule a Come and See visit for any woman who is interested in exploring a vocation to religious life and who has an interest in the Sisters of Providence. A **Come and See** experience can last a day, a week or more, and is a great way to learn what religious life is like.

RETREATS & OPEN HOUSE

We schedule retreats and open house for women who want to explore their vocation to religious life.

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May it always be the basis of your perfection: humility, simplicity, and charity. — Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin

OUR HISTORY



Blessed Emilie Gamelin, 1843

WOMEN OF PROVIDENCE

Blessed Emilie Tavernier Gamelin founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence, a catholic religious community, in Montreal in 1843, in response to the needs of the poor, the sick and marginalized. Thousands of women of different origins and social status joined the Community over the years, inspired by the mystery of our Provident God, and the compassion of our Mother of Sorrows, Mary at the Foot of the Cross.

As “**Women of Providence**”, they invest their spiritual energy and anchor their actions in the realities and the needs of the society of their time, always choosing to live in solidarity with the most destitute... “The Love of Christ Impels Us!” — 2 Corinthians 5:14.

Our apostolic life engages us in charitable and pastoral commitments in the areas of health, education and social service and in the promotion of social and ecological justice.

OUR SPIRITUALITY



OUR CHARISM

We have received the gift of proclaiming God’s Providence and God’s compassion, shown in Our Mother of Sorrows.

OUR MISSION

To be the human face of this Provident God is to place ourselves at the service of compassionate love and prophetic solidarity with the poor.

For the Sisters of Providence, the poor are those whose needs are not met, the victims of injustice, the rejected, the marginalized and the voiceless.



A CALL TO SERVE

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US TO SERVE THE POOR & THE VULNERABLE

SPIRITUALITY, COMMUNITY & MINISTRY

The life of a Sister of Providence revolves around three elements: ministry, spirituality and community

NOURISHED IN PRAYER

Our life of prayer includes contemplative listening, dialogue and discernment in our decision making. Our deep relationship with God and the people lies at the heart of our experience and spirituality, which permeates our work and daily life.

SUPPORTED IN COMMUNITY

The Sisters of Providence is an international, multicultural, inter-generational community of religious women.



We minister in the following countries:

- Canada
- United States
- El Salvador
- Haiti
- Chile
- Argentina
- Philippines
- Egypt
- Cameroon

Living in community enables us to love, support, challenge and encourage each other. Through personal and communal growth, we witness to Gospel values.

DIVERSE MINISTRIES

In the tradition of our foundress, Mother Emile Gamelin, we serve society’s most vulnerable members. Our ministries are diverse and fulfilling. We continue to evolve and address the needs in our society.

- Providence Centre — prayer and hospitality
- Providence Renewal Centre — Retreats, spiritual direction & programs
- Father Lacombe Care Centre & Providence Care Centre (*Open 2015*) — health care ministry & pastoral care
- Providence Infirmary
- Food Bank — Anawim
- Parish Ministry
- Prison Chaplain
- Ministry with the deaf
- Community Service
- Responding to the evolving needs

