

## Mission Statement

*Marie de la Roche Province*

*We, the Congregation of Divine Providence, impelled by the Spirit of Jesus, commit ourselves to co-create a world of compassion, justice and peace. Guided by the legacy of Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler and Marie de la Roche, we nurture in ourselves and in others a trust and confidence in God's faithful presence. We further commit ourselves to making God's Providence more visible in our world.*

## Providence Companions in Mission

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There is a **new** and **unique** way to  
**experience** religious life.

## What is the Providence Companions in Mission Program?

This is a one-year commitment, renewable for up to six years, which would enable Catholic women to fully participate in the community, prayer and ministerial life of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

## What are the basic elements of the Program?

In order to more fully realize her Baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ, the Providence Companion offers her life and gifts to the mission of the congregation for a period of one to six years.

A Providence Companion is invited to live in a local community, becoming ever more attentive to the Gospel as lived by the community. She participates in a process that includes:

- Sharing in the prayer, ministry, and the community's mission
- Making promises to live as the Sisters do for a limited period of time
- Working individually with a mentor
- Engaging in an ongoing program of spiritual formation

## Who can become a Providence Companion in Mission?

Catholic women who desire to be attentive to Jesus and His Gospel message and who are: Single, widowed or divorced, practicing Roman Catholic, aged 18 or over, without dependents. They must be in reasonably good physical and psychological health and capable of participation in a minimum of 30 hours of ministry per week.

## In what types of ministry is a Providence Companion in Mission engaged?

Ministries are widely varied and depend on the skills and abilities of each participant, but may include such things as:

- Social outreach
- Primary, secondary, or college education
- Campus ministry
- Early childcare
- Care for the elderly
- Youth ministry
- Retreat work

## Is there a process for becoming a Providence Companion in Mission?

*The formal process includes:*

- Signed application form with a formal letter requesting participation in the program
- Recent medical examination and psychological interview
- Autobiographical statement
- Interview with someone from the Providence Companions in Mission team and the community's leadership

*The informal process includes:*

- Opportunities for conversation with several community members
- Opportunities to visit ministry sites
- Two weekend visits to local communities

## What about finances?

All financial and legal considerations will be evaluated on an individual basis. The participant, along with a designated member of the Providence Companion in Mission team, will sign a notarized agreement regarding financial and other obligations on the part of both the participant and the community.