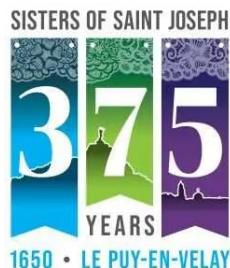


## Community Assembly – October 11, 2025

*What do the congregational and province chapters call us to in these times?*

*Be inspired by the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph from its origins in Le Puy and Lyon, and throughout the decades to the present.*

9:00am



### Quote from Sr Sandra Williams, CSJ

Year of St Joseph, 2021

“We find ourselves now in a time when the world as we have known has been turned upside down. Many of the structures familiar to us are crumbling. For women religious, the structures we have depended on for so long are no longer sustainable. Today, the pandemic, racial violence and other forms of societal unrest are raging around us, and yet, in the midst of all of this, we are experiencing a revitalization of the charism in those we are privileged to have as our partners. We have come to the realization that the charism we have called ours is not really ours but has simply been entrusted to our care for a time while the Spirit readied the world for something more.

I believe that at this moment in history, all of us who have been claimed by this charism stand at the threshold of the third age of Joseph. It is our privilege to be a part of this moment in history. We cannot see exactly where this movement will take us, but I believe we can trust the Spirit, who has not failed us in the past, to ensure that the charism we love will continue to live in a world that stands in need of it. It is a challenge to trust what we cannot yet imagine, but history assures us that we can trust the work of the Spirit. We have every reason for great hope.”

9:30am



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*Moving always toward \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Tender siempre hacia \_\_\_\_\_*

## 2025 Chapter Direction Statements

Continuing the call of the 2019 Chapter to  
“Go deeper. Journey farther. Respond boldly. Dare to be prophetic,”  
we commit ourselves to creating practical and prophetic ways to implement these two  
general directions for the next six years.

We will be accountable individually, as provinces or the International Community, and  
as a congregation.

We ask the Congregational Leadership Team to lead us in ongoing evaluation and  
communication of our responses.

### Statement One

**Our Mission: Bold Witness to the Gospel**

As a joyful community of the great love of God, we collaborate with others to further justice through working to deepen unity of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God in all of creation. We move beyond ourselves to be signs of God's love in all we are and do. The urgent needs of the time will determine our response, just as our charism of unifying love will invigorate it.

## **Statement Two**

### **Embracing the Grace of our Diversity**

We recognize our congregational diversity as both grace and call. We commit to deepening our cultural awareness and to becoming more culturally competent so that our congregational interactions and our ministries will be enriched and authenticated by embracing our own diversity.

### ***Discussion Questions***

What do the Directional Statements mean to you?  
How do they nurture, change, inspire you in the way you respond to the neighbor?  
What do these statements move/guide us closer to?

### ***10:30 Small Group Questions***

- Reflecting on all that you have heard this morning, what do these directions call us to?
- Reflecting on Ann McElaney-Johnson's keynote and Sandra William's comments about the 3rd Age of Joseph, what might we be moving toward?