

Dear Sisters,

As we bid farewell to the old and embrace the new, we have some important news to share with you. We have a new Leadership Team.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the sisters in the region who participated in the discernment and election of our new leadership team. We are thrilled to announce that the new Leadership Team for the California Region consists of Srs. Pascazia, Linda Webb, Teresa Groth, Linda Peters, and Mary Carmel Walsh. This decision has been ratified by the Congregational Leadership Team.



To celebrate this transition, we held a Mass of Installation on Sunday, January 4, 2025. Fr. Gustavo Castillo was our celebrant for the Mass. He shared an uplifting homily.

During the installation, we took a moment to express our gratitude to Helen, Pascazia, and Teresa for their dedicated service over the past three years. We wished Helen well as she steps back from leadership roles, and we thank Pascazia and Teresa for their exceptional contributions and their willingness to continue serving on the incoming team from 2026 to 2029.



Enda had this to say on behalf of the sisters:

“Helen, Pascazia and Teresa, we thank you today for accepting this ministry 3 years ago. It became obvious that each of you adapted to your role using your individual gifts and coordinating them as a team to best serve our California DMJ community. Like the Wise men in today’s Gospel you each brought the Gold of you loving service, the incense of your prayer & the myrrh sacrifice of your time & energy.

This became evident to us as we gathered for our various regional meetings. We appreciated the way you used technology in sharing with us information from LCWR meetings and our own General Chapter which you attended and making some of the presentations available to us on line.

Now I would like to thank Helen Vigil: Helen you had to adapt to different style of leadership over the years. Your quiet approachability we all appreciate as well as your availability. You surely deserve a HOLIDAY from this responsibility. Please take time to rest relax & enjoy !

Pascazia and Teresa obviously we all appreciate your leadership so much we have asked you to continue in this ministry. Thank you both for accepting and be assured of our prayerful support. Now we WELCOME the new members: Linda Webb, Linda Peters and Mary Carmel Walsh.”

After Mass, we gathered for a joyful meal filled with delightful stories. Throughout this time, we felt a strong connection with our sisters who couldn't join us due to health issues, those in nursing homes, and even those who were hesitant to brave the rain.

We sincerely thank Linda, Teresa, Pascazia, Linda, and Mary for their generosity and commitment to serve our community.

Let us all support our new leadership team as they guide us into this exciting new chapter in our Region!



Happy Ending of the Christmas season and Happy New Year, 2026.

*From your Sisters in the California Region – January 2026*