Thank you for all that you do to support our mission! As I reflect on the first six months of our new provincial administration, I am grateful for the many blessings we have received both individually and as a community. The Lord has accomplished much good through our ministries across the North American continent and in Central America.

As daughters of Mother Angela, we have served those in need for generations. In these modern times, compassion is complemented by innovative, mission-driven solutions that lift up those we serve and enable them to lead independent and productive lives. For example, the House of Bread bakery and Haitian Education Leadership Program (H.E.L.P.) graduates are creating an infrastructure of skilled, inspired Haitian leaders to improve their communities. Sisters in Toronto are pairing shelter and training to support homeless women on their journey to independence. Our goal is to address the needs of the vulnerable and marginalized in ways that offer sustenance and hope for the future.

The challenges of our own day have inspired us to stand up to the destruction of precious ecosystems, to lead by example in engaging solar energy, and to find new uses for old buildings. These are just some of the ways that we can advocate for and reverence the amazing gift of nature God has given us. Recognizing the work that still needs to be done, we are preparing the next generation — from teen groups to novitiates — to carry our mission into the future. The consolidation of our Felician archives will serve as a significant resource in the decades to come. The support of our friends is another important part of the picture. New beginnings are sometimes challenging, but always exciting. I am honored to lead Our Lady of Hope Province as we begin a new year and build upon the successes of 2021.

Sr. Judith Marie Kubicki was elected and Sr. Mary Christopher Moore, who served as provincial minister the first two terms, was announced as the second provincial minister, following Sr. Mary Christopher Moore, who served as provincial minister the first two terms. Sr. Janet Marie Adamczyk, Sr. Suzanne Marie Kush and Sr. Rosita Dessaint returned to the provincial council for their second term, and Sr. Mary Sharron Iacobucci and Sr. Nancy Marie Pieczewicz began their first terms following outgoing provincial councilors: Sr. Constance Marie Tomyl, Sr. Mary Geraldine Mrozczkowski, Sr. Mary Jolene Jasinski and Sr. Michelle Marie Stachowiak. This was an extraordinary time to change leadership, with COVID-19 continuing to bring many challenges. Both leadership teams responded to the needs of the time by asking what more they could do to help those who were suffering and chose to globally reimagine our world and their role in it. Their compassionate and innovative ways of accommodating those in need with respect for the dignity of all persons is reflective of the servant leadership as led by their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela Turszkowska.

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**Leading demonstrations against social and racial injustices.**

**Accepting sponsorship of new ministries to keep them viable and support their work.**

**Appointing Felician Sisters in leadership positions to provide compassionate leadership to support the voiceless.**

**Adapting ministries and convents to accommodate the growing numbers of families facing food insecurity.**

**Continuing to build a bakery in Haiti, to create an infrastructure of employment and life sustaining bread for the people.**

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Our ministries are asked to uphold the FIVE CORE VALUES that are hallmarks of our Felician culture and identity:

Respect for Human Dignity: exhibited by a reverence for and commitment to promoting and protecting the dignity of all persons;
Compassion: characterized by an empathetic consciousness toward others expressed in caring service;
Solidarity with People with Needs: characterized by an open heart and mind, leading to continuous improvement of all involved in our ministry;
Justice and Peace: characterized by an empathetic consciousness toward others expressed in caring service;
Transformation: characterized by an open heart and mind, leading to continuous improvement of all involved in our ministry.

Spotlighting Child Care as Essential in a Healthy Economy
Felician Children’s Center was featured in the November Jackson Magazine for providing affordable quality child care even during the pandemic, which shed light on the vital role child care plays in supporting a workforce.
Find the link to the article at FelicianSistersNA.org/Year.

H.E.L.P. Grads Attend Commencement in U.S.
More than 375 of Kingsley SC, residents who are college graduates, were featured in the video, H.E.L.P. Grads Attend Commencement in U.S. Find their stories in the video, FelicianSistersNA.org/Year.

Making Homes Safe
Sisters at Felician Center in Kingstree, SC, were awarded a $50,000 Sacred Heart Charitable Grant to help neighbors make home improvements. A second grant of $30,000 was given to celebrate the sisters’ 50-year anniversary, broadening the project.

Earthquake, Hurricane and Violence Plague Haiti
Sisters were grateful for the outpouring of support from donors and media as they faced the most challenging year at Felician Ministry Haiti.

Golden Anniversary
The Felician School for Exceptional Children celebrated 50 years of providing educational and life skills for children with special needs at every age.

Lodestar Award
Pennsylvania Solar Center recognized the Felician Sisters for their visionary leadership investing in clean, renewable solar energy. They are the first faith-based organization to receive this prestigious award.

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Speaking Out Against Rising Hate

Felician Sister Dong Hong Marie Zhang told Global Sisters Report in July, “I feel upset and angry at the violence against Chinese people in New York and other places around the country.” Sr. Dong Hong is the liaison to the Chinese community for the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. She said people she ministers to have been spat on and felt threatened.

Asian-Americans are the most rapidly growing ethnic group in the U.S. and make up the largest percentage of new Catholic sisters arriving from other continents, yet in 2021 hate crimes against this group increased by 70 percent and more than doubled in New York City alone.

The recent increase in hate crimes may be related to the COVID-19 pandemic, unjustly blamed on Asian Americans by hate groups. With the virus taking so many lives and disrupting our world, people have sought someone to blame. As a Chinese immigrant, Sr. Dong Hong understands how the Asian population feels in the face of such vicious indictments.

“I am not afraid for my life, but the Chinese people to whom I minister told me that they are afraid, especially in public areas.”

In her role as liaison to the Chinese community, she invites people to speak about their experiences. During online prayer meetings, private conversations, or small group gatherings participants often share their own hate crime experiences and discuss proactive defenses when on public transportation or walking on the street to stave off potential attacks.

Stressing the need for dialogue and inclusion, Sr. Dong Hong said, “In our religious community, parish church and diocese, we need to be sensitive toward members of other cultures. Although we are a minority, it does not mean we don’t have a voice.”

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Forging Ahead in Haiti
Unprecedented challenges in 2021 don’t impede progress on boulangerie

A n assassination, a disastrous earthquake, kidnappings and civil unrest may sound like the setting of an action movie, but this is everyday life for the people of Haiti. Despite the turmoil around them, the Felician Sisters in Jacmel and a devoted network of champions forge ahead, building a bakery to shine light in the darkness.

“We wanted to be baking by Christmas of last year,” said Dr. Jean-Paul Bonnet, a dear friend and supporter of the Felician Sisters. In 2021 the project was impacted by the assassination of Haiti’s president, the major earthquake, and continuing social discord that has raged through the country for more than three years. In the face of these fierce obstacles, the sisters and their supporters remain steadfast. “Many things stood in our way but hope and progress remain strong for the bakery project.”

Construction of the bakery’s stone and cement foundation, hand-dug by a local contractor, was completed in December, and walls are now going up. The structure is slated for completion and to be operational by September, creating up to 40 jobs and providing bread for the community.

More than 20 years ago, Chemours’ predecessor, DuPont, abandoned a much larger mining proposal in the same area along the edge of the Okefenokee refuge after strong opposition from environmental groups, local governments, Indian tribes, and, most effectively, DuPont stockholders. DuPont ultimately donated the land for conservation and agreed never to mine there. On behalf of the Felician Sisters Green Century Capital Management, an environmentally responsible investment firm, filed a shareholders resolution to Chemours in November, asking that they never operate or profit from the proposed Twin Pines mine. As a result of the resolution filing, positive dialogue is in progress with the company.

The姐妹s are hopeful this dialogue leads to a favorable outcome for Felician’s future.

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Reimagining Space: Felician properties take on new life

While the Felician spirit is firmly rooted in Blessed Mary Angela’s example to serve compassionately, it evolves to meet current needs including environmental stewardship. That’s why recent opportunities, focused on repurposing property, have resulted in successful outcomes for people in need—and in the spiritual realm.

After Our Lady of the Sacred Heart convent in Corpus Christi, TX, was sold and converted to commercial use, the Felician Sisters provided the new owners with a list of needs for the property to retain its Felician identity.

The current convenant is an environmentally sustainable community for seniors, designed to meet the needs of the modern senior in a rural setting. This project is a model for other communities to follow, showing that repurposing Felician properties can be done with a focus on sustainability and community benefit.

After the convent in Corpus Christi, the Felician Sisters of North America (FSNA) have been active in repurposing properties to meet the needs of the community. This includes transforming vacant properties into housing, care and education for immigrant children as they await reunification with their families. The Felician Sisters are committed to creating safe and welcoming spaces for all people, regardless of their background or circumstances.

In Buffalo, the former Villa Maria Academy will be transformed into Angelis’s House, a 67-unit apartment building for low-income and homeless seniors. The $22 million project funded through federal and local grants, and historic tax credit equity, broke ground in August 2021 and is planned for completion in June 2022.

Through thoughtful property repurposing, the Felician Sisters continue to ensure the financial generosity of donors goes further and serves as many people as possible.