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**Monday, December 8, 2025**

**School Sisters Of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province Install New Provincial Council  
Baltimore, MD**

The Atlantic-Midwest Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame have installed a new Provincial Leadership Council on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, at the Stella Maris chapel in Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland. Reverend Joseph Muth presided.

After previously serving as Councilor, Sister Nancy Gilchriest, SSND, now begins her ministry as Provincial Leader of the province.

"In transitioning from the position of Councilor to Provincial Leader, I find myself filled with gratitude for all the Sisters across the Province," Sister Nancy said. "Visits with them over the past four years offered me the wisdom to trust God and be faithful to our vows. I have found that God's presence has been *before, after* and *in* every conversation. Those times have been the greatest privilege. I am grateful to be able to continue to serve our Sisters with our Councilors."

**Newly Installed Provincial Council**

Sister Nancy Gilchriest (Provincial Leader)

Sister Paula Dukehart (Councilor/Vicar)

Sister Delia Dowling (Councilor)

Sister Celeste Reinhart (Councilor)

Sister Mary Roy Weiss (Councilor)

We are deeply grateful for their "yes" to leadership, and for their courage as they lead us forward over the next four years. May the Spirit be their guide and gift them with the graces they most need and desire. We give thanks to God for such a blessing to our province!

**About the Atlantic-Midwest Province**

*The congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame is an international community of women religious. The sisters educate with a world vision, believing that the world can be changed through the transformation of persons. The Sisters and their colleagues seek to empower women,*



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*youth and persons who are poor or marginalized and strive to change systems of poverty and injustice. More than 1700 SSNDs currently minister in 27 countries.*

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