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SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ANNOUNCE UNIFICATION OF THEIR 4 NATIONAL PROVINCES TO FORM SND USA

The Sisters of Notre Dame reunited their four North American provinces, or administrative units, on July 5, 2020. The new national province includes sisters from Thousand Oaks, California; Covington, Kentucky; Chardon, Ohio and Toledo, Ohio. Chardon, Ohio will serve as the national headquarters for SND USA.

The congregation's 500+ sisters nationwide will combine resources and personnel to focus on three broad ministry initiatives:

- The education and healthcare institutions founded by the sisters in each geographic area
- Ministries serving new needs of people on margins
- Young adult and vocation ministries

The SND USA Leadership Team includes Sister Margaret Gorman, Provincial, from Chardon, OH; Sister Mary Shauna Bankemper, Assistant Provincial, from Covington, KY; Sister Regina Marie Fisher, Council Member, from Toledo, OH; Sister Patricia Mary Garrahan, Council Member, from Chardon, OH; and Sister Mary Rebekah Kennedy, Council Member, from Thousand Oaks, CA.

“With the ease of communication and travel in the 21st Century, it became dramatically apparent that SND-sponsored institutions and ministries could be strengthened if we combined our efforts and resources nationwide into one SND USA province,” explains Sister Margaret, who now serves as the congregation's provincial throughout the United States. “While sisters in each geographic area will continue their local ministries, the addition of an SND USA model brings renewed enthusiasm, collaboration and outreach opportunities not only with our sisters but also with our lay partners.”

Today, the Sisters of Notre Dame are an international community spanning five continents, 14 time zones, and 17 countries. Sisters of Notre Dame come from all walks of life, at various times of their lives, from different careers, cultures, and collective experiences. Along with ministry expansions in the United States, SND-founded international missions continue to provide services in India, East Africa, and Papua New Guinea.

