



Summer Greetings!

A new name: ***The School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province!***

We School Sisters of Notre Dame are entering into an historic year! Four of our North American provinces are looking forward to Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011. On that day we will become one new province called ***The School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province***. The logo above is one that we have been using over the past six years since we began to talk about reconfiguring our structures for the sake of our Mission. Named here are the Dallas, Mankato (MN), Milwaukee and St. Louis Provinces. Included with us are also Guam and Japan. We are four very vibrant units of SSND who are coming together with over 1300 sisters to shape the future of our congregation in a new way. Since the foundation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Blessed Theresa and Mother Caroline perceptively read the signs of the times and adapted the congregational structure to respond to the needs of the world. We are continuing in their footsteps as we make this decision to further the reign of God with new energy.

I find this new reality full of promise! As we come together to share our resources, I feel a new freedom to reach out and respond in whole new ways far beyond our present boundaries. We can respond to calls that take us not only to all the areas that will be covered by this new province, but also to wherever we as an international congregation may be called.

While change is exciting, it also brings questions and uncertainties. As you do your own discerning about the future, you are well aware of what it means to be called out of your comfort zone. It demands openness and prayer and a willingness to be led by God.

As we sisters move forward in hope during this year of transition, I ask you to keep us in prayer. We are being stretched to think in new and exciting ways to see a future full of hope!

My prayer for you is that you may continue to open your heart to God's Spirit. Listen carefully and take time to be quiet and reflective! May you be at peace.

With blessings and joy,  
*Sister Barb*