

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE NEUMANN COMMUNITIES



- 1 The congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities is the result of the union of three autonomous congregations in New York, and a merger of another in Pennsylvania. The unions and merger occurred between 2004 and 2007.
- 2 Each of the autonomous congregations had its foundation in Philadelphia, and each claims the same foundresses: Anna Bachmann, Barbara Boll and Anna Dorn, thus having the same heritage.
- 3 The fledgling congregation in Philadelphia was under the auspices and spiritual guidance of St. John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia.
- 4 The congregation follows the Third Order Regular Rule of St. Francis of Assisi.
- 5 The congregation's symbol is the Tau which is worn by sisters and Franciscan Associates in a form of a pin or medal. The Tau is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet and looks very much like the letter "T." St. Francis of Assisi used the Tau in his writings, painted it on the walls and doors of the places where he stayed, and used it as his only signature on his writings. It is a well recognized and accepted symbol among Franciscans.
- 6 Six women are currently in various stages of the formation process to become vowed members of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities.
- 7 Our 300 Franciscan Associates are lay women and men committed to celebrating the 'universal call to holiness' by embracing Franciscan spirituality while continuing to focus on the path of their lives.
- 8 The administrative offices of the congregation are located in Syracuse, N.Y. with regional locations in central New York, western New York, east coast, western Pennsylvania and Hawaii/southwest.
- 9 Throughout the congregation, 175 employees serve in ministry in various departments, administrative offices, operations, as well as in education and health care services.
- 10 Mother Marianne Cope's shrine and museum is located in Syracuse, N.Y. at St. Anthony Convent on Court Street. More information at www.blessedmariannecope.org.



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