

# In Every Age Our God is Faithful

## Sisters Renewed Vows and Associates Renewed Covenants January, 2016

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## Associates

CELEBRATING

25  
Years  
1990-2015

A spark of desire for association was ignited as Sister Jacinta Fiebig began missioning in South Dakota in 1980. Sister was lonesome for community when she met Pat Petit, newly widowed, who was searching for community.

The spark of possible association was fanned with Sister Jacinta sharing the Sisters of the Holy Family (SHF) history, charism and mission as she and Pat met regularly for prayer and a meal.

In 1982 other women

were invited to a meeting to explore the possibility of adopting a program of association into the SHF Community. In 1984 Sister Karen Stern invited the South Dakota group to be a pilot group for exploring possibilities of association.

A task force of interested Sisters met in February 1988. Another spark of desire for ongoing association was fanned as former Sisters were invited to answer a questionnaire about potential association. By May, the task force included South Dakota representatives and former Sisters.

Task force members presented a proposal to the Congregation in June 1989. The Sisters affirmed the Associate Program in 1990.

In 1991, the first Associates made their covenants. In the last 25 years, 102 men and women have made covenants as Associates of the Holy Family.

### *Becoming an Associate*

*Prospective Associates are invited to association with the Community by taking part in an orientation and formation process. During a two year period the prospective Associate has a Vowed member or Associate as a companion on her/his journey. This is a time to become more familiar with the spirit and history of the Congregation, through meetings and times of prayer and discernment, together with Vowed Members and other prospective Associates.*

*We have had 102  
Associates over  
the past 25 years!*

*Currently we have  
57 Associates.*



### *Who are the Holy Family Associates?*

We are women and men who, in the midst of our ordinary lives, feel drawn to the mission of Jesus in the spirit and charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

United in this same spirit, we deepen our baptismal commitment by reaching out in various services and ministries, extending the commitment of the Congregation to care for the earth and its people.