

## *Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Provincial Superiors*

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### *Sr. Maureen Martin, 2004-2013*



Sr. Maureen Martin, a native of St. Louis, MO, first came to know the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Cor Jesu Academy in St. Louis, Mo. Sr. Maureen taught in elementary and secondary schools for 13 years and then served in elementary school administration for 20 years before her appointment as Provincial Superior of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 2004.

Sr. Maureen's term as Provincial Superior was marked by increased numbers of new vocations along with restructuring for the revitalization of the province. She completed the in-process renovations at Mount Sacred Heart in Hamden, CT, which included provision for the Caritas Christi Center, restructured Queen of Apostles in Imperial, MO, as a Retreat and Spirituality Center, and opened new Apostle missions at Little Flower School in Pensacola, FL, and St. Joseph Parish in Shelton, CT. After closing Sacred Heart Private School in Bronx, NY, Sr. Maureen and the Council worked to restructure the ministry and reopen as Sacred Heart Learning Center, an early childhood center partnering with Santa Maria Parish and School and the New York City Board of Education UPK program. During her term the Apostles opened Apostle Immigrant Services, an outreach ministry to the Immigrant population of New Haven, CT, returning to the first neighborhood served by Apostles in the United States over 100 years ago.

Sr. Maureen worked with the Formation Team to formalize a pre-postulant program and collaborated with the team to tailor the formation program according to needs of new members. The bi-annual Full Province Meetings organized collaboratively have shaped common direction including the delineation of Core Values for community living. As part of Province restructuring to fulfill the objectives of the XV General Chapter, Sr. Maureen and Council established a full time Office of Mission Advancement and added lay business/personnel and technology directors to the provincial staff. She began a Province Advisory Board and Investment Committee whose advice, along with that of other consultants, helped reorganize administrative roles in several Apostle ministries. Utilizing best practices in finance and administration has also been a priority. To foster ongoing spiritual and personal growth of the sisters, on-going formation workshops were offered for all age groups, and in 2009 a Theological Updating program was initiated encouraging continuing theological studies for all the sisters. In 2005 Sr. Maureen was elected to the Board of the CMSWR (Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious).