



Fall 2025

Helping Hands

Your compassion in *action*.

Your Support at Work

When Mary and her husband moved from Montana, they were searching for a new church home. From the very first time they walked into Mass with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, the Sisters' warm welcome made them feel at home and invited them to serve.

"God hooked us up with this. We have a heart of service." - Mary

Mary's heart for service runs deep. She once served as a Catholic youth minister on an Indian reservation, where she saw how compassion can build bridges and strengthen faith. That experience shaped the way she now approaches volunteering with gratitude and joy.

Today, when she is not traveling, Mary shows up each week to help in the PHJC Volunteer Program's food ministry. From packing boxes to greeting families, she shares her time and presence as a way to live out her faith and stay connected to the community.



Because of you, volunteers like Mary are able to bring their gifts to our ministries and live out their faith in action.

Join Mary and other volunteers in our food ministry! Volunteers gather on Tuesdays and Thursdays to serve with joy and compassion. If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to:

Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC

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Your Impact Around the World

When Mallory boarded a plane to Kenya, she carried with her a lifelong dream: to serve as a missionary and share God's love across the world. Thanks to your support of the PHJC Volunteer Program, that dream became reality.

Welcomed into the daily rhythm of life with the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Mallory prayed with the Sisters, helped in classrooms, and even had the profound opportunity to bring communion to the sick and elderly. "In that moment," she said, "I could truly feel Jesus present in the room."

Although illness cut her stay short, Mallory still experienced the strength of prayer, the kindness of the Sisters, and the love of a community that embraced her as family. Because of you, volunteers like Mallory are able to grow in faith and bring Christ's love to communities around the world.

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Leadership Update

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ are grateful to announce the newly elected U.S. Province Leadership Team for 2025–2029.



Their official installation will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET in Ancilla Domini Chapel, Donaldson, Indiana.

Province Leadership Team:

- Sister Shirley Bell, PHJC – Province Leader (reelected for a second term)
- Sister Deborah Davis, PHJC – Councilor (reelected)
- Sister Marybeth Martin, PHJC – Councilor (reelected)
- Sister Connie Bach, PHJC – Councilor (newly elected)
- Sister Margaret Anne Henss, PHJC – Councilor (newly elected)

Turn your groceries into giving: Enroll in Kroger Community Rewards and choose the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Volunteer Program to receive a percentage back—at no cost to you.



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