November 2, 2017 (Washington, D.C.) – The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious recently announced its new Chairperson, Board of Directors, and Advisors to the Board following the National Assembly on October 14, 2017.

Mother Mary McGreevy, RSM, Superior General for the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma has been elected the new Chairperson of the Council. She succeeds Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV, Superior General for the Sisters of Life. Mother Mary previously served on the Board as the Assistant Chairperson.

“We are delighted to welcome Mother Mary McGreevy as our new Chairperson,” said Sister Marie Bernadette Thompson, OP, Council Coordinator. “Mother Mary’s leadership will be a tremendous asset as we look to the future and implement our five-year strategic plan.”

In addition to Mother Mary’s election, the Board also welcomed a new Assistant Chairperson, Sister Mary Elizabeth Wusinich, SV, Vicar General for the Sisters of Life and a new Secretary, Sister Marie Bernadette Mertens, IHM, Vicar General for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita.

The 2017-2018 Board members are

- Mother Mary McGreevy, RSM ~ Chairperson
  Superior General, Religious Sisters of Mercy

- Sister Mary Elizabeth Wusinich, SV ~ Assistant Chairperson
  Vicar General, Sisters of Life

- Sr. Mary Angela Highfield, OP ~ Treasurer
  Vicar General, Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

- Sr. Marie Bernadette Mertens, IHM
  Vicar General, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita

- Mother Mary of the Immaculate Conception Ambrogio, SSVM
  Provincial Superior, Servants of the Lard and the Virgin of Matara

- Sr. Judith Ann Duval, OSF
  Major Superior, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis

- Mother Mary Francis Lepore, OP
  Superior General, Dominican Sisters, Congregation of St. Rose of Lima

- Sr. Margaret Mary Mitchel, OSF
  Provincial Vicar, Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration

- Sr. Cecilia Ann Rezac, MS
  Superior General, Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln

- Mother Miriam Seiferman, FSE
  Superior General, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist
Sr. Robert Francis Tait, lsp
Provincial Vicar, Baltimore Province, Little Sisters of the Poor

Sr. Megan Mary Thibodeau, SOLT
General Sister Servant, Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity

The Advisors to the Board, from among the associate members, are

Mother Mary Ann Kessler, TOR
Reverend Mother, Franciscan Sisters Third Order
Regular of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother

Sr. Clare Matthiass, CFR
Community Vicar, Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Mother Mary Clare Roufs, ACJ
Mother General, Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus

Located in Washington, D.C., the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious was founded in 1992 with the canonical approval of St. John Paul II. The CMSWR members represent over 100 communities nationwide with approximately 6,000 sisters. For more information, please visit www.cmswr.org.

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