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**Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious**  
**Announces Election of Mother Mary McGreevy, RSM as Chairperson**  
*Also Announces New Board of Directors and Advisors to the Board*

**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  
Vicaress 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

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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](http://www.cmswr.org).

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