



Companions on a Journey

Meet Our Candidates

Mark Torres

Mark grew up in central New Jersey, and left for Colorado and the Air Force Academy in 1979. He graduated in 1983 with a degree in Astronautical Engineering and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. He served for 21 years, working in the field of space operations. During that time he received a Masters of Engineering in Space Operations and played a key role in fielding and operating space capabilities to defend our nation. Now retired from active duty, Mark is a civil servant still serving our country at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command.

Throughout his life, Mark has been active in the church, particularly in the music ministry. Since 2007 Mark has studied Latin in order to understand Scripture and writings of the early Church, and to appreciate the beautiful and sacred extraordinary form of Mass, also known as the Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass.

Mark is a private pilot and amateur astronomer. He has three sons, ages 22, 19, and 13.

Brenda Larson

Brenda Larson was born in South Dakota and raised by her Catholic grandparents, mother and many aunts and uncles, until the age of 12, when her mother and stepdad moved to Albuquerque for her stepdad's career.



She graduated from high school and college in Albuquerque, where she worked for Intel Corporation for 12 years. In 2005 she transferred to the Colorado Springs Intel site to be closer to family.

In approximately 2006, Brenda began a journey with the Sisters of St. Francis to discern a religious vocation. In late 2009, Brenda decided not to pursue a religious vocation, but continued a close relationship with the sisters. She is now still working in Colorado Springs as a Semiconductor Operations' Manager and is engaged to be married to Mark Torres.

Mark Torres and Brenda Larson met through their parish. When they are not hiking, kayaking, riding motorcycles or studying Scripture, they are busy preparing for their wedding in July 2012.

Mission:

We, Companions of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, are people called to live our baptismal promises by sharing in the mission and vision of the Sisters of Saint Francis. We live our Christian commitment according to our gifts and circumstances in life.

Vision:

Companions will be open and respond to immediate needs.

2012 Companions' Retreat

Date:

July 27th—30th

Theme: St. Clare -
in honor of the
800th anniversary of her
death.

Retreat Master:

Jerry Wintz,
Spiritual Director,
Mt. St. Francis

RESIDENT CANDIDATE

Welcoming Amy Wieser



Amy Wieser joined us as a Resident Candidate on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2011. Amy, originally from Wisconsin, has been a Colorado Springs resident since 2006. Amy's educational background is in accounting with in-depth experience in cost accounting. As a Resident Candidate Amy lives with the Sisters at Mt. St. Francis. The Resident Candidacy is a transitional period of discernment as it provides opportunities for the candidate to more deeply experience Community living and prayer life while continuing aspects of her current life. It is a time for the candidate and the Community to mutually deepen their relationship as they discern the next step of the vocational commitment - entrance into the Community as a postulant.



+ In Memoriam +

- ♦ Mable McReynolds, sister-in-law of Sister M. Stephanie, passed away on December 7, 2011 in Santa Cruz, NM. May she rest in peace. Thank you for your prayers and support during the time of illness and death of my sister-in-law.
— *Sister Stephanie*

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Women partnering is deeply grateful for your ongoing support of Women Partnering and most especially for your generous support, gift giving and participation in our 9th Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting. You helped to make it a great success.

2012— Meeting Schedule

Denver Companions :

- ♦ January—21st
- ♦ February—18th
- ♦ March—24th
- ♦ April—21st—renewal

Colorado Springs Companions :

- ♦ January—15th
- ♦ February—19th
- ♦ March 25th
- ♦ April—15th—renewal