

# Sisters of Bon Secours Restructure Their Governance

WHEN SISTER ALICE TALONE, CBS, returns from the General Chapter meeting of her order in Rome, Italy, in October, she will no longer be President and CEO of the Sisters of Bon Secours, U.S.A. In fact, the American province, along with all the other provinces, will cease to exist.

“This will be a good thing,” Sr. Alice says. “It means we won’t have so many people caught up in community administration, so more sisters can perform their missions externally.”

The restructuring, which was approved at the 2004 General Chapter, streamlines the governance structure. The congregation leader will be chief executive of the international order, along with a small congregational team. Each member of the team will also be an “area leader,” with administrative duties for a geographic region. Sisters in each region will decide whether to have a regional leadership team as well.

“We’re doing away with provincial boundaries,” explains Sr. Alice, “in order to



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have ‘mobility for mission.’ In other words, sisters can move between geographic areas in pursuit of their missions.”

The international headquarters is also relocating from Paris, where the order was founded. The location was to be announced at the General Chapter meeting. The sisters are currently active in France,

Ireland, Great Britain, the United States and Peru.

“We are not changing for the sake of change,” Sr. Alice says. “The main reason is to revitalize our mission and our ministries.”

The ministries on the Marriottsville campus are quite viable, she adds. In addition to the ministries of the spiritual center and the healthcare system, they include vocation, formation, associate membership and volunteer ministry. More information on the history, mission and service of the Sisters of Bon Secours can be found on their website, [www.bonsecours.org](http://www.bonsecours.org). ♡

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Learn and be responsive to God’s invitation to care. Join us and others as we explore the hope that encourages us and the dream that sets us free.

On that last night, Jesus showed us that God is uniquely among us when we gather at the table, tell the stories, become bread broken and shared, serve one another and recognize Jesus doing God’s will in our midst. Come. Be with us. Lift each other up and bring to the world the promise of God’s care, who will change hearts and ultimately the world. Here we will learn again to be the promise of God that heals and makes us whole. Join us. We are here, waiting for you, around the table, re-mem-bering. ♡

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