



**We are very happy to share with you some very exciting news!**

## **LSA FAMILY IN MISSION LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

We have a new member joining the LSAFIM Team, her name is Rosario Jimenez. She will be joining us as the new Director of LSAFIM! She brings many skills and much dynamism to this position. Rosario's start date is January 10, 2022. Welcome Rosario!

We want to applaud Maryalice Spencer for her leadership and dedication as the Coordinator of LSAFIM these past years. Now Maryalice will focus all her energy and time to the demanding work of the Little Sisters of the Assumption Archives and other hats that she will continue to wear such as her work on the International Laity Commission for Sharing the Charism. Thank you, Maryalice!

See what they have to say about their new roles:



### **Maryalice Spencer**

Dear LSA Family in Mission:

It has been my joy and pleasure to have held the position of Coordinator for LSA Family in Mission these last 6 years and to interact with all of you through email, zoom, phone calls and texts; all of us together pushing the mission of the Little Sisters forward.

As some of you might know, I have worn many hats over my almost 28 years with the Little Sisters. One of my jobs has been as the Archivist for the Little Sisters of the Assumption. I have not been able to give the archives much attention and now that Rosario has joined us I will be able to move to the archives full time. We will be beginning the process of digitizing our United States archives. It is a big job and something I am looking forward to.

I will still keep in touch with you all and be involved in other ways too and I will share treasures I find in the archives with you all. Thank you for your presence in my life and I know Rosario will get to know you all and enjoy relating with each of you as she continues her journey with us.



### **Rosario Jimenez**

I am originally from Mexico, where I grew up and supported my grandmother in the care of my younger relatives and uncles with disabilities. I learned from seeing my grandmother so dedicated to seeking the wellbeing of our family members with limited resources. In the late 90's I came to the United States where I got married and now I have three children.

Since 2009 I have been a volunteer in various community and academic settings. I graduated from the Ridgewood Seniors Continued Education GED program in 2013 in Brooklyn, NY. In 2016 I graduated from the Community Health Course at Make The Road NY, and in the same year I started working as an Environmental Health Worker/ Early Academic Advocate at LSA Family Health Service, where I felt identified with the agency's values and mission.

My life experiences, values and personal gifts from God supported me to unwrap my role and build trustful relationships with the families in the community I served for five years. I learned a lot from the families I revered, the East Harlem community and of course my colleagues at LSA Family Health Service during these five years of service. Now I have the great opportunity to join the Family in Mission team as Director and I am very excited as I will be working closely with the Little Sisters to continuing what most filled my heart, live the LSA Family in Mission values and continuing Father Stephen Pernet and Sr. Antoinette Fage's legacy, hand in hand with the Family in Mission members.