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Sister Friederichs returns to Hankinson

Sister Ann Marie Friederichs returned to St. Francis Convent Sept. 14 from Germany where she had served two six-year terms as superior general of her Franciscan congregation. At the meeting in Bamberg, Germany, she and her counselors passed on responsibilities to the new administration.

Sister Ann Marie was the first member of the 770-yearold congregation not born in Germany to be elected superior general. She was serving as provincial superior of the Hankinson Province when she was elected to lead her congregation in 1999. Previously, she served as postulant and novice directress and on the provincial council.

As superior general, Sister Ann Marie's duties took her many times to all the provinces of the congregation, as well as to Switzerland and Albania. She was blessed to meet both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II representing the congregation in Rome. She will take some time off before settling in to a new apostolate.

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