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The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence®, The Abbey of St. Joan

Official Statement Regarding Member Misconduct

October 6, 2026

Seattle, WA – We have been made aware of serious allegations involving criminal misconduct by a member of The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence®, The Abbey of St. Joan. These allegations are deeply concerning and are being taken very seriously. On July 20th, 2025 the board held an emergency session to temporarily suspend the member in question. That decision was reaffirmed August 3rd, 2025 by voting membership.

Effective immediately, in accordance with our internal policies and commitment to ethical standards, the member's membership/association with The Abbey of St. Joan is suspended, pending the outcome of legal proceedings.

The Abbey of St. Joan holds all members to the highest standards of integrity and accountability. We do not condone or tolerate any form of grave misconduct or criminal behavior. Our priority remains upholding the values of trust, transparency, and safety for all individuals associated with our organization and the broader community.

Out of respect for the legal process and all parties involved, we will not be making further comments at this time.

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About the Abbey of St. Joan

Founded in Seattle in 1996, the Abbey of St. Joan is a house of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence—a global order of queer nuns dedicated to the promulgation of universal joy and the expiation of stigmatic guilt. We raise money for AIDS charities, fight for queer rights and visibility, do safer sex outreach, and strive to keep our sense of humor—never taking ourselves so seriously that we forget to have fun. We gladly welcome all races, creeds, genders, and sexual orientations.

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