



A TRIBUTE TO
SISTER ANNETTE VAILLANCOURT, CSC



At 3:00 PM on Saturday, June 17, 2016, the Sisters of the Region of Haiti, along with the students and religious of other communities, gathered in the chapel of the Sisters of Holy Cross in Turgeau, Port-au-Prince, to offer their final tribute to Sister Annette Vaillancourt, CSC.

Eucharistic was celebrated by Eric Jasmin, Provincial of the Fathers and Brothers of Holy Cross in Haiti along with co-celebrants. Appropriate texts and hymns expressed not only our faith but also that of Sister Annette.

Several among us expressed memories of Sister Annette's wanderings throughout Haiti, recalling her search for God, her generous availability in accompanying the young Holy Cross candidates as well as those of other communities and, above all, her joy in being of service and deep love for the Haitian people.

In fidelity to who Sister Annette was, our farewell ceremony was simple and discreet. May she be welcomed into God's infinite Mercy as we remember with heartfelt affection our dear Sister Annette, "the Valiant one".

Dadeline Jean, CSC



HAITI BIDS FAREWELL TO
SISTER ANNETTE VAILLANCOURT, CSC

On December 17, 2016, a delegation of twenty sisters of Holy Cross came from the North of Haiti to celebrate “the new and happy life” of Sister Annette who lived among us many years and marked us with her nobility.

The entrance rite of this liturgy will help us to share with you what we lived:

Sister Annette,
we are offering you three roses
to honor the vibrancy of your identity and your involvement in the many services rendered
on behalf of your brothers and sisters.

A White Rose!

Sister Annette, **woman of the Church**,
you gave your time and energy to l'URF (Union of Religious Formators) and to CHR (Haitian Conference of Religious). You contributed to the Cap-Haitian



Synod and ardently participated in the activities of the local churches and parishes where you served. For your faithful participation and Christian commitment, we offer you this white rose, the symbol of your fidelity to the Liberating Christ!

Sister Rosalene, MIC, offers it to you.

Refrain:

Nou se yon pep Bondye

chwazi pou fè sèvisli...

A Red Rose!



Sister Annette, **consecrated woman of Holy Cross** for seventy-one years, you witnessed **profound love** of your brothers and sisters. You lived a life of humility and discretion amidst your many responsibilities.

As teacher, Director of College Regina, the Regional Superior, Novice Director, coordinator of external contacts in Port-au-Prince . . . as the strong woman you were, you invested of yourself with **courage and audacity** in all your undertakings.

You did not fear to deal with the kidnapping of an employee of Turgeau and you bravely lived through the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

You upheld audacious initiatives: the participation of numerous sisters in the missionary groups of Lavaud, of Mont Organise, of Bombardopolis, the group of sisters in charge of the parish of Petit Bourg du Borgne and of so many other missionary projects!

For your **passionate love** of Holy Cross in Haiti, we offer you this **red rose**, symbol of your **Ardent Consecration**.

Sister Maureen Fuelkell, CSC,
accompanied by Yanick Sylfradin, CSC,
Regional Animator of the Region of Haiti offer it to you.

Refrain:

Bondye tout mwen menm se pou w.

A Pink Rose!

For thirty-five years you journeyed with us, Sister Annette. You accompanied individuals and groups toward richer lives through PRH sessions. On this journey of growth, you singled out this method for various apprentices: religious, seminarians, and the members of St. Frances de Sales. All of them who thirsted for self-knowledge remain thankful for your assistance in helping them discover their gifts and thus



contribute toward the transformation, in their everyday lives, of the Haitian society. You have marked them through your witnessing of inner strength, of dignity, and of existential honesty.

Sister Annette, to this day you have many grateful students from Regina College, as well as many friends who appreciate your witness of faith, of constancy, and of encouragement. We must not forget the employees of our residences, especially those of Turgeau who speak of you with admiration.

We offer you this **pink rose**
in honor of your **humility and efficiency**.

Jeancilia, ASC,
both a former student of Sister Annette and committed to PRH,
is accompanied by Fritz,
the oldest of the employees of Turgeau
to offer it to you.

Refrain:

Mèsi, oooooo mèsi, mèsi Papa...

Sister Annette,
God welcomes you Home
and we share in this feast that is now offered to you.

Rejeanne Charest, CSC

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