



Mission Day in April



**Denise Turcotte, CSC
Facilitator**

At this time of the year we yearn for something uplifting and life-giving! Planned by Sister Doris Gagnon, Sector Leader, and members of the Sector Mission Commission, our Mission Day held on April 29 afforded us just that...VARIETY and HOPE. Following a warm welcome and an excerpt on apostolic zeal, we were given a few moments of quiet reflection in order to enter into contemplative dialogue around the following questions:

What is "mission" for me at this time of my life?

Where does my Holy Cross zeal lie in my life?

And, off we went!

Each Mission Group and sponsored ministries had five minutes to share its accomplishments with the large group in attendance. Our dutiful emcee and time keeper was "on the mark" and faithfully reminded us with a gentle "gong" when our time was up. If anyone went over the allotted time, a "not so gentle" sound reminded us to stop. The ingenuity of each group was apparent and is to be celebrated. From "Show and Tell", to a "Radio Broadcast", to a "Phone Conversation", to more "Show and Tell", our attention could not be deterred. One could feel the

enthusiasm in the room. Indeed, Holy Cross is alive and well!



**Justice and Environment
Mission Group**



Women's Group



Women's Group

The Assembly



The evaluations said it all! The Mission Groups MUST continue! They are encouraging, energizing, and life-giving. Mission Groups are living proof that we are, indeed, "*Together...on the pathways of resurrection of the world...*"

The morning ended with a missioning led by Sister Doris where we proclaimed our Sector Mission Statement:

*“Guided by the Spirit and attentive to the cries of our times,
we, the Sisters of Holy Cross, Associates,
and Members of the New Forms of Consecration,
affirm our belief in the sacredness of life in all its forms.*

*We, therefore, choose to collaborate with other groups and organizations
to build a world committed to justice, non violence, and reconciliation for
all.*

*To that end we stand together to be a voice for the voiceless,
a voice against all dehumanizing systems*

and we embrace our responsibility for Earth.”

May Basil Moreau and all our predecessors in Holy Cross enlighten us and strengthen us to live out with zeal and burning passion this sacred commitment. Amen.

With deep gratitude we sang our traditional and proverbial *MAGNIFICAT*.

Simone Poirier, CSC

The Saint John's Bible

Faith is such an intangible facet of life. It becomes apparent in the manner we live, in our relationships, and in our acknowledgement of the presence of our Creator at the center of our life.



The Saint John's Bible reveals the call to creativity in expressing the correlation of humankind to the events of history and, in so doing, this work of art speaks volumes of the conversation of souls with God.

The print on display of the Gospels and Acts is one of seven volumes of this rendition of the Bible that is on display through October 2017 at the Geisel Library of Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. There is a limited number of prints in existence.

Sister Therese Auclair, CSC, Delegate of the Art and Creativity Mission Group, facilitated a presentation by Mr. Keith Chevalier, Head Archivist, on the history and rendition of the commissioning of this artwork under the direction of Donald Jackson, master calligrapher and scribe of Queen Elizabeth II. An invitation was extended to all interested in attending the conference.

Commissioned by the Benedictine Saint John's University and Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, the Saint John's Bible is the first hand-illuminated Bible to be fashioned in the past 500 years. The final expression of this work of art is 1,130 calligraphy pages and 160 modern illustrations of many souls' vision of God's word as experienced by artists of the 21st century. Donald Jackson coordinated the original work of numerous artists who employed medieval methods and materials to illustrate biblical themes using contemporary events and knowledge – a work of art speaking to the eternal search for God in our present lives.

Therese Auclair, CSC



Community in Santiago de Chile

We are happy to share one of our novice's mission experience. Guerline Petit-Frère arrived in March and will be with us until the end of July. She is currently involved in the parish cafeteria for the elderly, helps with the children's catechesis, participates in the experience of the Rosary Apostolate for Families, assists at the local school during the pastoral days and in 'My first little steps' workshop. We hope she is having a positive experience.

The Holy Week was, for each and every one of us, a time of powerful spiritual renovation. We were involved in the parish as well as school activities. We also had the wonderful opportunity to join our Brothers of Holy Cross in the Holy Saturday Retreat.

At the Nuestra Señora de Andacollo school, the Rosary Apostolate is supporting "My first little steps" program, which offers workshops for the youngest children. Sisters Rasmata and Guerline are involved.

Office members of the Rosary Apostolate are happy to have participated in a workshop in communication which gave them with some practical tools they can use in their mission. They were very happy with this workshop!

The first communion catechesis program at the NuestraSeñora de Andacollo elementary school is run by Sister Saturnina and the celebration of the first communion took place on May 6. It was a merry celebration with an impressive performance of the choir composed of the children's legal guardians. The participation was extensive including many of the children's families.

The Holy Cross superiors for Latin America will gather here in Santiago de Chile for a meeting. Liette Finnerty, CSC, and Yanick Sylfradin, CSC - of the Haiti region- will be present. At this occasion, the new house of formation of the Fathers and Brothers of Holy Cross will also be inaugurated.

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