



THANKS OFFERED

On Saturday, October 13, 2017, a Mass was celebrated to offer thanks to our sisters, Yanick, Marielle, Zita, as to Doreen and Willinette for their dedication, determination, know-how and availability. The "glass of cheer" and the evening of friendship that followed the Eucharistic Celebration allowed a time for friendly conviviality and pleasant moments.



After a number of unified moving tributes, the entire Region of Haiti proclaimed its THANKS.



We will long remember the portrait of the Regional Team that knew how to animate our Region with much dynamism and warmhearted communion.



May each of you have a rich experience in your new missions and be assured of our prayers and our affection.
Dadeline Jean, CSC



You Will Be Missed

“Keep it simple”. Those words were often spoken by Sister Diane Dupéré who doesn’t like a lot of fanfare and complexity when it comes to celebrations. So the students and staff at Holy Cross Family Learning Center kept it “simple” but “heartfelt” when it came time to thank her for her years of service there. Cards with good wishes, and words of gratitude resounded over and over as students repeated: “We will miss your smile and the free hugs you gave us each morning”.

Sister Diane’s work as Administrative Assistant was not only efficient, timely and gracious; her work was a ministry of love as she readily attended to the needs of students, teachers, visitors, inquirers and public officials. One student said to his teacher: “Well, if she is the new “boss” of her sisters here in Manchester, then she will be free to come and visit us anytime she wants, right?” Indeed she will always be welcomed and never forgotten.

Pauline Maurier, CSC



Today is our perfect chance to tell you what we don’t say enough—how much we appreciate you as a person and as the lifeline of Holy Cross Family Learning Center.

We appreciate you as a person because you always made us feel welcomed and important by your encouraging words, by your smile and hugs, and by showing how happy you were to help us when we needed something. It was fun, too, when you passed by our class and said something funny. It put smiles on our faces and lightened our day. Your sense of humor is a blessing.

We could see that you took your responsibility at heart and kept the office and center running smoothly. You were often busy working for the director, Sr. Jackie, or helping the

teachers and students. You were always dedicated to your work but went out of your way often for us, never showing that you were too busy to answer a question or grant us a favor. You did all the ordinary things in such an extraordinary way.

The word **family** in Holy Cross **Family** Learning Center is what you brought out at the Center. We see ourselves as a family. We care for each other and we are always happy to come to the Center. We want to thank you for your dedication and kindness toward us during these seven years.

We understand that you must move on to an important and challenging position. We wish you the best. We love you and will miss you very much.

The Students of Holy Cross Family Learning Center

NEW GENERATIONS OF CONSECRATED LIFE – CLAR



Our sisters in Holy Cross,

Isenoule Noël from the Haiti Region and Elvia Atoche Gutiérrez from the Latin America Region, took part in the third Congress of New Generations of Consecrated Life that took place in Lima, Peru between September 29th and October 1st, 2017. It had been organized by CLAR (Confederation of Religious in Latin America and the Caribbean) and CONFER (Conference of Religious of Peru).

On the theme “Let us go out with Mary to meet with life”, this Congress welcomed one hundred sixty religious coming from eighteen countries.

Our meeting began with the following question: What are you ready to offer so as to create an encounter? An encounter being a space for creating something new, may it be a visitation, like Mary who comes to meet us.

In her presentation, Sister Ángela María García Reyes, HFA, shared the ways that the new generations of CLAR have journeyed. She brought us their voices, concerns and passion, their more fruitful and less fruitful experiences... their encounters. They had shared all of this during meetings preceding this Congress. From the North to the South, we felt compelled to open our hearts, hearts that beat as one to the rhythm of our shared dreams and hopes, hearts we wish to keep filling with Life... as defined in three words “closeness, sharing and generosity”. We walk in the company of different icons in search of a face.

What have we learned of God’s nature? What does it mean to be truly and profoundly human?

We feel invited to become creative collaborators in God’s Work through intergenerational dialogue with our predecessors in consecration and with those who responded to diverse realities that were the signs of their own times. From them, we have received the passion for building the Kingdom and an itinerary of the path to take. That formation is continuous and is not interrupted by the change of a stage in formation. I am what I am thanks to the contribution of the previous generations.

Intergeneration enriches and dialogue is paramount. It is Love that saves. Fr. Gustavo Gutiérrez.

It is our turn to continue putting new energy into our consecrated lives, to be open to work of all kinds with the People of God. We, as New Generations, wish to live the charism of our founders in our communities, in apostolic work, in seminars, in our relationships with the poor, and through hearing the cries of Creation that summon us, that touch us deep within and call for a humanizing and compassionate answer embedded in the relational tenderness of the Trinity.

We celebrate the gift of a shared life, of a meeting of cultural richness and of diversity of charisms in their various expressions. We wish to continue speaking the language of inter-congregational collaboration, one of love, happiness and of renewed meaning. We wish to lead the way with the People of God, living the words of Pope Francis: to be a poor Church with and for the poor, on a mission of encounter with the other.

We praise the importance of intergenerational contact in Religious Life as we, people walking the way, learn to build relationships based on love; on the experience of encounter with others; on whatever comes to pass; on life itself; on what is fascinating and wakes passion: Christ and his Kingdom. We share a common dream... that of a Consecrated Life with a face renewed, happy and courageous, committed to the Gospel and to the stories of those to whom we draw near.

We feel called to renew our decision to passionately follow Christ while learning to experience diversity in a family atmosphere of warm acceptance and solidarity. This also calls us to find new meaning for our Consecrated Life based on closeness with others, one that offers the opportunity to listen and to respect.

We are grateful to our sisters of all Holy Cross Regions for making possible our participation in this, the third Congress of New Generations of Consecrated Life.

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