"BON VOYAGE", MICHELINE!

Micheline, it is time to say *"Thank you", "Goodbye",* and *"Have a good trip"*!

We don't know how to thank you. It is with a heavy heart that the Sisters of Holy Cross in the Region of Haiti and the Haitian people, especially those at the two missions in Pilate, see you leave. *We love you so very much!* We will really miss you... You, the captain of our *PARTAGE* bulletin. You, who gave of yourself without counting the cost for the local community accounts at the Pilate school. You who discreetly left very fine footprints at the Dispensary of Thibeau and at Regina College. Your contribution in Haiti for eleven years will leave an indelible mark on our Region.

In 2001, upon arrival here among us, your eyes were filled with wonder, and now the time has come for you to meet new people, to take in new landscapes, to open yourself to others, or, better said, to return to your wellspring... A dream that you cherished for several years.

As Paolo Coelho says, *"It is precisely the possibility of realizing a dream that makes life interesting."*

We say to you, Micheline, you, a person with a big heart... To you, Micheline, a woman overflowing with joy and sun... To you, Micheline, who shared in the experience of our Region for several years... We say to you: Go out into the deep! Count on the Lord!

Mèsi anpil! Thank you, Micheline, for having been with us; thank you for allowing us to thank you... Our prayers and our affection accompany you!

Know that you are always welcome to our dear *HAÏTI CHÉRIE* who loves you so very much!

Have a good trip!
Your sisters from the Region of Haiti

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
U.S. SECTOR

"Missionary by her state in life",
the sister of Holy Cross lives in a spirit of service which,
up to death and even in death
spurs her on to
"do everything for the glory of God
and the furthering of God's Kingdom".
Const. 34

For September 15, the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows, the U.S. Sector team invited a panel of four employees of St. George Manor and Holy Cross Health Center to share with us how they see our sisters living in a spirit of service up to death...

The cultural diversity of the panelists included a Nigerian, a Lebanese, and two Americans, while the services they represented were that of Food Service Director, Social Worker, Director of Activities, and Licensed Practical Nurse. They had been asked to address the following:

- How long have you been working with the Sisters of Holy Cross at St. George Manor or Holy Cross Health Center?
- What makes you stay?
- How do you experience the sisters to be living the Holy Cross mission?
- In what ways would you say they are meeting the challenge of Article 34 of their Constitutions quoted above?

The testimonies we heard warmed our hearts and brought tears to our eyes. The sharing consisted of such comments as: the family spirit they experience on the part of the sisters; their compassion; their interest in the employees and in one another; the promise of prayers; the care of the residents toward one another and the staff; the gratitude they show the staff; and how their faith has become stronger. At times, the panelists referred to specific sisters by name and shared how they had touched their lives and how they lived their mission.

No words can adequately describe this profound experience of mission expressed by the panelists. They touched our hearts. Their witnessing to each one of us was a challenge for all of us to look at each other with the eyes of the heart.

e day ended with a blessing of the newly prepared beautiful green space on the Manor property.

Denise Turcotte, CSC

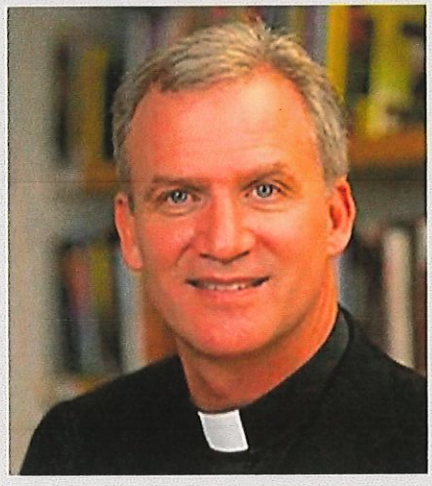
Panel
Victor, Laura, Tanwa, Jody

ACCEPTANCE INTO POSTULATE

On September 15, Thi Lam Le received her official acceptance into postulate. We are happy to welcome her into our Holy Cross family. We are grateful to have had Father Antoine Minh, our benefactor, celebrate Mass for the occasion. We took this occasion to thank him and Mr. Sy for their love and support. We thank God for sending us "angels" here at our mission.

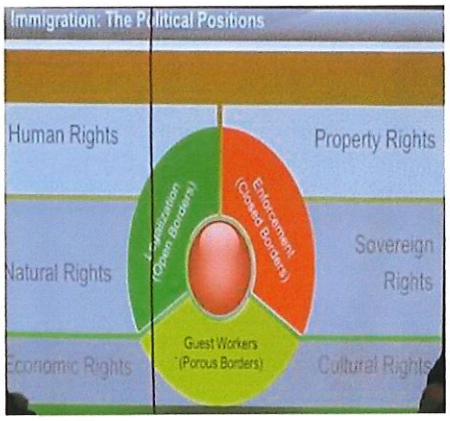
We would also like to thank all of our Sisters in Holy Cross for the prayerful support we feel even from this distance. May God continue to pour abundant graces on all of you.

Becky Hien Do, CSC



DAY OF ENRICHMENT

"Dying to Live: Migration and Theology" was the title of a conference given in Manchester, New Hampshire, by Father Daniel Groody, CSC, of Notre Dame University. All participants in this Day of Enrichment, both lay and religious, were spell-bound by Father Dan's real-life experiences and years of research on the plight of the 244 million migrants and refugees around our world today. He described the varied reasons why they leave home, some of their near-death experiences, and the stories of some who never survived the journey.



Father Dan's PowerPoint revealed his years of reflection on the complexity of the immigration issue. He described the goals of groups who try to protect property rights, sovereign rights, cultural rights, economic rights, as well as natural rights and human rights –all important viewpoints. But some of these groups speak of immigrants as "aliens" meaning they don't belong; some groups perceive immigrants as "guest workers" seen for their "net worth" or contribution in taxes, while other groups refer to them simply as "people" – as indeed they are.

Woven throughout his presentation were Father Dan's deep reflections on the theological foundation of this issue. He led us down the road of the same human journey that Jesus took crossing over the many kinds of human divides to human solidarity, toward oneness, toward true communion with "the other". It was evident that Father Dan lives, breathes and shares this message wherever he happens to be.
Pauline Maurier, CSC
For the Day of Enrichment Committee

CEREMONY FORMAL ENTRANCE POSTULANTS IN WEST AFRICA

After a week of preparation, the six postulants from West Africa reflected, prayed and evaluated the steps to be taken in the Holy Cross Congregation. They decided to formally enter as postulants, trusting where the Lord would be leading them.
On November 11, 2018, at 11:00 AM, in the presence of a couple who were witnesses in the name of the parish community, five aspirants from the Residence for Girls who are themselves aspiring to become postulants in other congregations; and also in the presence of the CSC Community of Sikasso, the six postulants formally set out to follow Christ in the Congregation of Holy Cross. The entrance ceremony had as theme: Choose Life. It took place in the form of a dialogue interspersed with songs. Each postulant asked a question, and answers were given by one sister or the other and by the couple. In conclusion, they recited a prayer that reflected their "yes".
Thank you for your profound messages, and for your words of congratulations to them. Thank you for continuing to support them through your prayers.
Marie Claude, CSC
Postulancy Director in West Africa

The day of the ceremony

Front Row:
Clemence, Aline, Yvonne, Juliette

Back Row:
Lucienne, Anastasie

SISTER RASMATA OUÉDRAOGO TRAVELS TO CANADA TO STUDY

After spending four years in Chile, Sr. Rasmata is in Canada to study Social Work in a university. Rasmata was born in Burkina Faso, and had undergone her novitiate in Peru before coming to Chile in February 2015. Here, she quickly won the hearts of the people with her cheerful and friendly nature. She even became quite known in Chile at one time and became frequently asked for interviews then. It was, of course, when Chile played Burkina Faso in soccer and she happened to be the only Burkinabe around.

During her stay in Chile, Rasmata was, apart from other things, involved in the Family Rosary and with the children of the Fundamor foundation, in pastoral activities, and at the Andacollo School where she helped in her first years to get acquainted with her new environment. She was also involved in catechesis and grief support for families at our Lady of Andacollo Parish, among other things. We are grateful to her for all the good memories she helped to create and we hope to welcome her warmly when she returns from Canada with her diploma, surely, "tucked under her arm".

When we went to see her off she said, "In all these pastorals I was given to recognize and own to my strong points and talents, but also to my weaknesses. In them, too, I could somehow live the three vows of the consecrated life (Obedience, Poverty, and Chastity). I thank the Lord for all that I was given to live." And in her words we heard again the call to fervently live our consecration, "May our numbers grow every day - men and women burning with love for Jesus and his Kingdom. May God's presence be always with you during your various pastoral work and ministries."

Thank you, Rasmata. And as you say:
"The family that prays together stays together."

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