

# SNJM POT-POURRI

June 3, 2016

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 11AM:** St. Boniface Heritage Garden Grand Opening and the unveiling of Sisters Legacy Monument on the Archdiocese of St. Boniface Grounds – corner of Taché and de la Cathédrale avenue, followed by picnic lunch.

## **OUT AND ABOUT:**

**Directions in Indigenous Ministry** Conference will be held at the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Is there anyone who would like to represent us as Holy Names at this conference? Please call Sr. Cathy. All Information is attached. Thank you also for your prayers for the success of this conference. Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops' Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs (AWCB—SCIA).

## **NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE NANETTE PRICE:**

We go back to Toronto at the end of July, beginning of August for Gerry's 100-day checkup but we are home till then, and that trip will be 'days', not 'weeks'...like this last one. The doctors sent him home saying twice that he has done, and is doing, spectacularly well (their words). He defied all expectations! Remarkable! Again, we want to say a HUGE 'THANK YOU' to all of you for your prayers, phone calls, support. We could not have done this without the input that you have had. We love you all, Nannette and Gerry.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**31<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CANADIAN RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE:** The Canadian Religious Conference (CRC) held its 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly from May 26 to 29, 2016, in Montreal, on the theme "The mission of congregational leaders: discerning hope amid the challenges". This gathering, held every two years, brought together 300 leaders of Catholic institutes of religious life from across Canada. Read more: [www.crc-canada.org](http://www.crc-canada.org); [www.facebook.com/ConferenceReligieuseCanadienne](https://www.facebook.com/ConferenceReligieuseCanadienne). [Link to the CRC's news release.](#)

**BELGIUM WARNS CANADA – EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED DEATH:** The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has released four short videos entitled "Belgium's Advice to Canada" - select clips from their upcoming film, "Vulnerable - The Euthanasia Deception". In January of 2016 a film crew went to Belgium, where euthanasia laws have been in place since 2002. Victims and advocates offer a stern warning to Canada - and any country considering enacting laws that allow assisted death. Click on each link to view the videos: ["Don't Go There: Belgium's Advice to Canada"](#) + ["Belgium Warns Canada: Safeguards are an Illusion"](#) + [Belgium's Advice to Canada: Protect Doctor's Conscience Rights!](#) + [Belgium Warns Canada: "Oversight is an Illusion"](#).

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

### **For the sick and those who are in need:**

- Our country as we struggle with the assisted euthanasia question.
- The Sisters on the SNJM Pilgrimage of the Heart Retreat 2016 at Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, California.
- Our sisters and the peoples of Lesotho dealing with famine.

### **For those who have died and those who mourn their loss:**

- **Lucie Grenier**, sister-in-law to Sr. Edith Grenier and spouse of Donald Grenier whose funeral was this past week.
- **Réjean Gagnon**, Sr Léonne Dumesnil's grand-nephew.
- **Sr. Gertrude Veillette**, (in religion **sister M. Bruno-des-Anges**) **SNJM**: Longueuil, PQ.