

January 10, 2018

SNJM EVENTS:

What a party! As we witnessed Michelle's profession of vows, I'm sure that all of us felt nudged to renew our commitment. A life's dedication to God is indeed something to celebrate! Thank you to all sisters, associates and friends who participated in some way to make this celebration a memorable event.

Dear SNJM Family,

Miriam Therese Winter has a line in a song that says, "Make me a window, not a wall" Thank you with all my heart for being "windows" of God's love as we prepared for and celebrated my First Vows. Many hands and hearts were involved to ensure that every detail was attended to and true hospitality was extended to all those who joined us. I am grateful that the spirit of "family", which Fr. Mike spoke of, is reflected in each one of you. I am abundantly blessed by God and this community. May the Charism of Blessed Marie-Rose continue to reflect through the windows of our lives to the Church and the world. Blessed be the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, now and forever!

With gratitude, Sr. Michelle, SNJM

Invitation for all Sisters (postposed October 23 session). The group accompanying Evelyn Mayanja invites you to a sharing about **SNJM Charism and Mission on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 3:30 PM in Community Room 501** at the Despina Residence. Sr. Michelle Garlinski will lead the process in English from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. We hope to have a French sharing group. Please leave your name with Joane before Wednesday, January 17th and if you wish to stay for supper, please **reserve a meal ticket** when you call Joane at: (204) 475-7673 or email: snjmmb@mymts.net.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

- **Sister John Maureen Backenstos, SNJM** (*Margaret*) who departed this life on December 14, 2017. Sister John Maureen had celebrated 95 years of life and 73 years of religious profession.
- **Sister Celine Steinberger, SNJM** (*Sister M. Lorene Therese*) who departed this life December 25, 2017. Sister Celine celebrated 75 years of life and 55 years of religious profession.
- **Sister Helen O'Sullivan, SNJM** (*Mary Margaret of the Sacred Heart*) who departed this life January 4th, 2018. Sister Helen celebrated 90 years of life and 70 years of her religious profession

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OTHERS:

Reminder regarding the St. Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage on Tuesday, January 9, 2018: This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the in-corrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. The relic will be in Winnipeg on Tuesday, January 16th 2018 at St Mary's Cathedral 353 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, 12:10 PM Mass with Public Veneration from 2:30 PM to 10:00 PM, and a Relic Talk at 7:00 PM. For more details: cco.ca/relic.