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Journée Communautaire le 10 septembre Community Day September 10th

Carmen Catellier, SNJM



Johanna Jonker, SNJM



Sr. Yvonne Massicotte plays a chapter video featuring herself as a protagonist



Gina Hoe, Associate



Sisters Marylyn Gibney and Carol Peloquin hand over Province "Ship" to new PLT members; Sisters Susan Wikeem, Lorraine St-Hilaire and Alice Konefall

Les sœurs et associé.es se sont rencontrés en dégustant des muffins et le café après la messe à la chapelle du 3^e étage de la résidence Despins à Winnipeg. La prière d'ouverture préparée par Sr Jeanine Vermette nous lance dans les rapports du 34^e Chapitre Générale tenu à Cornwall, ON en juillet 2016.

We, sisters and associates gathered for coffee and muffins after mass on the 3rd floor near the Chapel at Despins Residence in Winnipeg. Opening prayer in word and song helped us to delve into the reports of our SNJM 34th General Chapter held in Cornwall, Ontario in July 2016.

Sister Lorraine St-Hilaire our incoming provincial leader opened the day and welcomed us to the presentation of

General Chapter reports. The afternoon was dedicated to the Justice and Peace Network that held their annual meeting in Winnipeg in August which followed closely on the heels of our General Chapter. In the morning there was a short presentation by each sister and associate who attended Chapter which had as theme "An Adventure with the Spirit". The provincial leader, Sr. Lorraine St-Hilaire, our delegate, Sr. Johanna Jonker, and our associate representative, Ms. Gina Hoe, spoke about their experiences and impressions of the Chapter.

Being a bilingual province, as usual we are called on to serve in various ways at this event as interpreters, leaders of liturgy and co-ordination of the services needed at Chapter for an exceptional experience of SNJM planning and execution.

Puisque nous sommes une province bilingue, comme d'habitude nous sommes appelées à servir de différentes façons à cet événement de l'histoire de notre congrégation. Parmi nous sont choisies des interprètes, la coordinatrice de la liturgie, et une autre chargée des services pour la bonne marche du chapitre.

Each one gave a heartfelt, creative report on their activities and appointed jobs for the smooth running of the Chapter. A humorous video of the walk from the front admission desk to the appointed bedroom gave us an idea of the immense size of the NAV Canada Center in Cornwall where the Chapter was held.



A toast to Sr. Anne-Marie Jobin honoring 60 years of religious profession

Pendant le diner tout festif à la cafétéria les jubilaires de 60 et 70 ans sont mis à l'honneur. Sr. Anne-Marie Jobin (60 ans) accepte gracieusement un petit éloge parcourant ses tours de service comme SNJM à différents endroits du pays. À cause de santé affaiblie Sr. Simone Damphousse (60 ans) et Sr. Irène Lambert (70 ans) ne sont pas présentes. Mais tout de même elles sont récipiendaires de belles cartes de félicitations.

During the festive lunch hour held in the Despins Residence cafeteria our 60 and 70 years Jubilarians were recognized. Sr. Anne-Marie Jobin (60 years) graciously accepted praise and honour for all those years of service as an SNJM. We recognized Sr Simone Damphousse (60 years) and Sr. Irène Lambert (70 years) who because of failing health and weaker strength, were unable to attend.

The afternoon was closed with prayer based on the works of Justice and Peace Network co-ordinators. Sr. Yvonne Massicotte, the outgoing congregational co-ordinator gave us a revealing history of the Network from its beginning in the 1980's up to the present. Echoes of 'Laudato Si' encyclical, though not yet written by Pope Francis, were certainly lived and part of our SNJM thrust in the works of Justice and Peace. Sr. Josephine Chudzik, our Manitoba chairperson, prepared us with information for what will be our next congregational stand on immigrants and refugees.

The afternoon was closed with prayer based on the works of our most recent General Chapter and 'Laudato Si'. To these sounds in word and song we left with good wishes and peace for each other and the coming year of our SNJM lives.

L'après-midi se termine avec une prière basée sur les actes de notre 34^e chapitre générale agencé avec des énoncés de la dernière encyclique du Pape François "Laudato Si". Les adieux sont faits aux sons de ces paroles et des échanges de vœux de paix pour la vie SNJM qui se déroulera devant nous pendant l'année qui vient.

A Celebration of Life....Joanne Singbeil, Associate

Marylyn Gibney, SNJM



Joanne Elizabeth Singbeil 1939-2016



Front Row: Gail Burns, Bonnie MacDonnell, Irène Kirouac
Standing: Chris Butterill, Barb MacDonnell, Joanne Singbeil, Betty Anne Gaynor, Marlene Coughlin

On October 6, 1998, our Holy Names Community was blessed as we received Joanne Singbeil as an associate. In her commitment, she claimed "I will try to live my Christian calling as a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. I will attend meetings and celebrations whenever possible. I will continue to serve my parish as a lector and to contribute to parish celebrations and to fundraisers that serve the community". Those of us who knew Joanne and loved her will confirm that she did fulfill her promises.

Joanne was born in Flin Flon to Louis and Annette McDonald, one of five children. Later they moved to Winnipeg and joined St. Ignatius Parish which became the keystone of her social and her spiritual life for 60 years. Joanne's love for dancing took her to an Air Force Gala, where she met Bob Singbeil, a handsome cadet. They married soon after and were later blessed with 6 children.

Family was the core of Joanne's life. She loved her role as 'Gramma Jo' to her nine grandchildren.

After raising her family, Joanne attended the University of Winnipeg obtaining her B.A. She had many interests. She loved theatre, sports, and her book clubs. She generally engaged the world with interest and a smile. Gardening was a source of great pleasure for her. Joanne nurtured plants as she nurtured her children, family and friends.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated August 10th, 2016 at St. Ignatius Church.

Joanne Remembered...

To say that Joanne's death in August left a gap in my life (and in the lives of my husband and our children) is an understatement. She had been both my friend and my sister-in-law for over 50 years. We frequently went to events together - apart from the usual family gatherings - and we also enjoyed simply having coffee and chatting about everything from family and friends to the pope and politics. (With regard to the latter, Joanne tended to lean quite far to the left, a fact well known by many and revealed to others via the signs that periodically appeared on her lawn.)

Joanne was endowed with optimism, the spirit of hospitality, a great appreciation of community, a desire to pitch in, a natural cheerfulness and a terrific sense of humour. Underlying these qualities was a strong but unobtrusive spirituality and a fervour for social justice. She was never "preachy", she just walked the talk.

It's easy to understand why Joanne (Aunty Jo to us) is so missed by both family and friends. She was one dearly loved and appreciated lady!!

By Deanne McDonald

Célébration de vie....Lucille Bérard, Associée

Marguerite Mulaire, SNJM

C'est à l'âge de 92 ans, que Mme Lucille Bérard, fidèle associée des Sœurs des Saints Nom de Jésus et de Marie nous quitte pour sa récompense éternelle le 10 septembre 2016. Pendant plus de trente ans, Lucille a été présente aux rencontres mensuelles. Pleine de vie et munie d'un beau sourire, elle partageait avec ses compagnes afin de grandir dans sa foi et aussi afin de mieux connaître notre bien-aimée Mère Marie-Rose, fondatrice des Sœurs des Saints-Noms-de-Jésus-et-de-Marie. Elle laisse dans le deuil sa famille ainsi que les personnes associées où elle habitait au « Paradis des Pionniers » de Saint-Jean. Ses funérailles et l'inhumation des cendres eurent lieu dans sa paroisse. Le Seigneur et Mère Marie-Rose l'ont certainement bien accueillie à bras ouvert dans le Paradis.



Lucille est honorée comme volontaire du Club des pionniers



Lucille, assise avec les autres jeunes associées

Nouveautés à St- Jean-Baptiste

Marguerite Mulaire, SNJM

La paroisse de Saint-Jean-Baptiste devient un lieu de grande réjouissance le samedi 6 août 2016 lorsque Armande Leclair, associée des Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et de Marie épouse Jean Balcan. Elle a attendu longtemps afin de trouver son trésor caché. Les personnes associées la remercient de son dévouement pendant à peu près 5 ans comme membre du Comité des personnes associées et donc personne lien avec la congrégation des Sœurs des Saints Noms. Félicitations Armande et Jean et beaucoup de bonheur.

A Celebration of Life...Sister Evelyn Bocklage

Carol Peloquin, SNJM



The Bocklage Family

Sr. Evelyn Bocklage, SNJM, was born October 7, 1942, to Mary and Franz Bocklage, in Flin Flon, and died at Action Marguerite (Taché Centre) on September 19, 2016. She surmounted many challenges in her life, not least of which was the suffering in the final months of her life. Imagine her singing and dancing as she was relieved of pain!

Evelyn always had a twinkle in her eye. She was thrilled when she passed the exams qualifying her as an LPN. She rejoiced in being a member of a medical family: Ann Palmer, nurse, oldest sister, Mary Denby LPN, and Joseph Bocklage, a medical doctor.

Evelyn spent many years lovingly tending to the sisters at the Mother House in Montréal, Windsor, SMA and Résidence Jésus Marie. She was also a nurse at Flin Flon General Hospital. Evelyn had a passion for life and was curious about everything. She gardened, rode her bike, and cleaned. Her faith was profound. "I am blessed by Him, and I know it". In her autobiography she writes, "When I discovered the Lord I had been searching for since my early youth, I was overjoyed. I could not stand still I was rejoicing so much."



Sisters Maria Celina, Evelyn Bocklage and Eileen Kelly



Sr. Evelyn caring for the sick in her nursing days



Sr. Evelyn enjoying outdoor gardening

Sr. Evelyn's funeral mass was celebrated at Ré-sidence Despins by Louis Legare, O.M.I. on September 22nd 2016. At the prayer vigil preceding the Mass, her sister Mary and Sr. Johanna Jonker spoke briefly about Evelyn. Her sister said, "We have lost our sister and I have lost my best friend. In childhood we did everything together...we got each other in trouble and stood up for each other." Sr. Johanna spoke of Evelyn's faith and perseverance,

comparing her to the biblical Jacob. "Like Jacob, Evelyn wrestled with God and met Him. She persevered until she received a blessing. Sing, dance, Evelyn for now you not only know God, but you are with God." Echoes of Sr. Evelyn resonated throughout the funeral service. Romans 8 called us to be childlike as Evelyn was, and strains of "Amazing Grace" played on the harp transported us to heavenly realms.



Sr. Evelyn with Sr. Pauline Saurette at Art Exhibition



Sr. Evelyn at her Golden Jubilee with Sr. Mary, Sr. Johanna and Sr. Susan



Sr. Evelyn and family at Golden Jubilee



Sr. Evelyn loves her poinsettias

A Celebration of Life...Sister Anne-Marie Jobin

Carol Peloquin, SNJM

Anne-Marie Jobin was born April 8, 1930, to Florence Picard and Jack Jobin. She died at St. Boniface Hospital on September 25th, 2016, leaving a younger sister, Jackie (Robinson), a brother, David, several nieces and nephews, along with her Holy Names Sisters and friends to mourn her loss.

Anne-Marie was ever grateful for the gift of life. In her own words, "I was a sickly baby, but with the prayers of family and friends, and good care, I was blessed with life." Following her education at St. Mary's Academy, she chose to enroll in a comptometer program which led to employment at the Hudson Bay Company. At the age of 24, Anne-Marie felt God was calling her to Religious Life, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Names.

After her profession of vows, she taught for a time in the Commercial Department of St. Mary's Academy, but teaching did not seem to be a good fit, so she was happy to receive an appointment to Christ the King Convent. Anne-Marie accepted the challenge of teaching herself how to cook. She always claimed these years as the happiest time in her life. Yet, when the sisters in Flin Flon needed her assistance, she did not hesitate to pack her bags and move.



Sr. Anne-Marie being blessed at her Golden Jubilee



Sr. Anne-Marie

In 1977 Sr. Anne-Marie returned to St. Mary's in Winnipeg where she gave of her time and talent in service of her Sisters until, in 1990-91, she participated in a spiritual renewal program offered in Arnprior, Ontario. This year brought change and newness. She accepted an invitation to go to Windsor, Ontario, and become involved in a new ministry; that of visiting and bringing communion to "shut-ins". Upon her return to Winnipeg she continued part-time in this ministry, along with volunteering clerical assistance in the SMA Office, until 2010, when failing health brought her to the point where she could no longer continue in active service.



Sr. Anne-Marie with her great nieces and nephews



Sr. Anne-Marie and her family

A prayer vigil followed by a funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Isaie Blanchette, OMI, at Résidence Despins on September 29th 2016. Anne-Marie's nephew, Jim, and Carol Peloquin, SNJM, gave the eulogy. Her nephew began by sharing childhood memories of visiting "Auntie Anne" at St. Mary's with his parents. He spoke of the close ties between Anne-Marie and her family, so often manifested through hours she spent on homemade gifts. Sr. Carol described a banner one might imagine hanging over Anne-Marie's crib reading, "no guts, no glory" and gave examples of her courage. "Anne-Marie was a woman of service, a grateful woman". In his homily, Father Blanchette said of Sr. Anne-Marie, "She endured physical difficulties and infirmities with patience, always stopping to engage others. The God who gives us Peace has prepared a place for you, Anne-Marie, so you can be with Him."



Sr. Anne-Marie with nephew at Golden Jubilee



Sr. Susan chatting with Sr. Anne-Marie at her Diamond Jubilee



Sr. Anne-Marie and friend Louisa Ryz



Justice & Peace

Yvonne Massicotte & Josephine Chudzik, SNJM

JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK – SUMMER 2016

The Justice and Peace Network meeting in August 2016, which was held at St. Benedict's Retreat and Conference Center, was most engaging!

Always included in this gathering are input components to help us gain greater insight into some aspects of "injustices". This summer, the group first spent a day at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. On the next day, four invited guests shared presentations on the theme of "home & homelessness". Together, they helped us reflect on this topic from their perspective – that of working with immigrants or with refugees, or that of being a refugee or a displaced indigenous person.

The rest of the time was spent mainly on two topics: perusing the Acts of Chapter in an effort to integrate them into some action; working on an educational document on Immigrants and Refugees, which is part of a Corporate Stand process already well under way. It is anticipated that this material will be ready to be used in all provinces by January – the educational step leading to a vote on taking a Corporate Stand. We will soon all delve more deeply into this very difficult issue of forced migration.

At the end of the Network meeting, a statement of intent was drafted for the coming year. Members agreed to base their activity on a common theme, that of Jesus' words: "*I thirst*" and to work in the spirit of the message of Laudato Si'.



Some table conversation – with our "Lesotho adoptee", Katleho

MANITOBA JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE

SOMETHING EXCITING IS AFOOT!

The more "exciting" news for us in Manitoba? This has to do with the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women which takes place in New York each year. Our Development and Peace reps strongly encouraged us to send young women to this event. D&P will help cover some of the expense as well as provide some assistance. The 61st sitting of this commission will take place from March 13th to 24th, 2017.

The themes for this session include:

Priority theme:

Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

Review theme:

Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

Emerging issue/focus area:

The empowerment of indigenous women

After discussion at the Manitoba Justice and Peace Committee, the members decided that the offer should be accepted and that this should be done with St. Mary's Academy. Girls in grades 10 and 11 will be encouraged to apply for this one week program. Two adults will accompany them – SNJM sisters, associates or colleagues.

We'll keep you posted.



Back row L-R: Dorothy Guha, Associate, Carroll Ann Kemp, SNJM, Ernestina Lebina, SNJM, Johanna Jonker, SNJM, Pat Bozyk, Associate, Suzanne Brault, SNJM (interpreter), Susan Maloney, SNJM, Janet Walton, SNJM, Christina Mabula, SNJM. Middle row L-R: Phyllis Douillard, SNJM, Cecilia Calva, SNJM, Claudette Bastien, SNJM, Thérèse Laplante, SNJM, Lourdes Quintana, SNJM, Lucinda Peightal, SNJM, Jeanne Dagenais, SNJM, Barbara Spears, SNJM, Josephine Chudzik, SNJM, Cathy Leamy, SNJM, Mary Annette Dworschak, SNJM. Front row L-R: Ingrid LeFort (interpreter), Yvonne Massicote, SNJM, Frances Kendrick, SNJM, Catherine Ferguson, SNJM, Joanne Pundyk, SNJM.



Phyllis Douillard, SNJM—One of the two D&P Reps



Focus Corner

Sister Maria leaves Kenora....

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Celebrating our time with Sr. Maria Ciccarelli

Every so often a person makes an impact on those around them and in our case that person is Sister Maria Ciccarelli. Sister Maria is retiring on June 24th from the Kenora Catholic District School and has provided 29 years of dedicated service to the board. She is retiring from the role of Religious Education Coordinator but has also been a friend, mentor and a spiritual guide to many.

Sister Maria came from Italy with her family in 1955 when she was in Grade 2 and settled in Montreal, Quebec where she attended Catholic school. In 1966 She entered the Sisters of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

In 1969 she was sent by her order to Manitoba along with five other Sisters to attend one year at Teacher's College at the University of Manitoba. Following this Sister Maria then completed her Bachelor of Arts degree while she was teaching by working on her degree on weekends and evenings.

In 1975 Sister Maria took her final vows. Sister Maria taught in Manitoba

for 15 years and took her Masters of Theology at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and after graduation she came to the Kenora Catholic District School Board. Sister Maria came to Kenora in September 1987 for one year and she has done one year at a time now for the past 29 years.

Sister Maria has been a gift and a blessing to the students, teachers and the entire Kenora Catholic District School Board Community as well as to the Parishes of Notre Dame and St. Louis. On behalf of everyone at the Kenora Catholic District School Board we would like to take a moment to thank Sister Maria for all the gifts she has shared with us and wish her a retirement filled with peace, love and an abundance of grace.

Interview with Sister Maria Before Sister Maria's retirement we asked her for an interview:

Q: You have dedicated so much of your life with us here at the KCDSB and to Catholic education. Why is Catholic education so important?

A: When I entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary I was drawn to a community of sisters that was established for Catholic education. Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, from St. Antoine-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, founded our religious congregation for the education of young girls who otherwise would have had no education. I truly believe that our young people deserve the best of a wholesome education that empowers them to grow in body, mind and spirit. In Catholic education we, as educators, strive to provide our young people with excellence in all areas of learning in the light and truth which God has revealed in Jesus Christ. Hopefully, they will come to know that they are unconditionally loved by God and precious; that no matter what difficult times may come their way in life, God is always there for them; and that they are gifted and called to use those gifts to build a better world of justice, peace, and hope.

Q: What are a few highlights of your vocation with the KCDSB?

A: Teaching religious education to the students at SMB every morning for twenty years was a real privilege for me. Children are truly the most precious gift that God entrusts to us. Their trust and openness of heart and eagerness to learn were simply delightful. Working for a good number of years with Sister Ruth McLaren, ssnd, in providing sacramental parish meetings for the parents/sponsors of students who desired to celebrate



First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation both at Notre Dame and at St. Louis parishes... Running the Additional Qualification Courses in Religious Education for our teachers for over a dozen years on Friday evenings and Saturdays ... with some truly dedicated and wonderful instructors...particularly Msgr. Pat Stilla, Father David Creamer, SJ, and many others who were truly qualified and committed to education in the faith. Meeting so many great and dedicated resource people who were invited as keynote speakers for our system staffs spiritual development days and retreats throughout the years. Working with our teachers in sacramental workshops, preparation for school liturgies, and in-servicing of new/revised religious/family life education programs...Working with some wonderful pastors like Fr. Rudy Manaloto, OSA, Msgr. Roger Bazin, and Fr. Albert Lafrenière, OMI; as well as trustees, administrators, and teachers....

Q: Can you think of a project that you've completed over the years that you are most proud of?

A: The one that comes to mind is.....providing in Kenora for over a dozen years the AQ Courses in Religious Education on Friday evenings and Saturdays for our system staffs. It took much energy and commitment to run the courses while working full time.

Q: What are you looking forward to most with your retirement? What are your future plans for the next few years?

A: Except for some sabbatical time, I do not know exactly where God is leading me to minister... All I know is that I need to let go and trust the Lord. God has never failed me in the past ... and God will surely be faithful in years to come...PERHAPS ... perhaps in a parish where there is need...perhaps visiting the sick and shut-ins... perhaps working with refugees...SO MANY POSSIBILITIES...

Q: What will you miss most about the KCDSB?

A: I will miss my ministry with KCDSB ... and the people I have come to love and cherish...I will miss my friends and parish...I will miss beautiful Kenora right on Lake of the Woods...

Q: If you could leave us with some final thoughts what would you like to tell us?

A: Like the third commandment that tells us to "Remember" as if sometimes we tend to forget ... I would like to say:

Remember: to make Jesus Christ the heart and soul of Catholic Education...

Remember: to be responsible stewards not only in "keeping our Catholic schools" for future generations, but especially in "keeping our schools Catholic" in identity, practice and decision-making particularly in the face of new challenges that try to divide and destroy us from within.

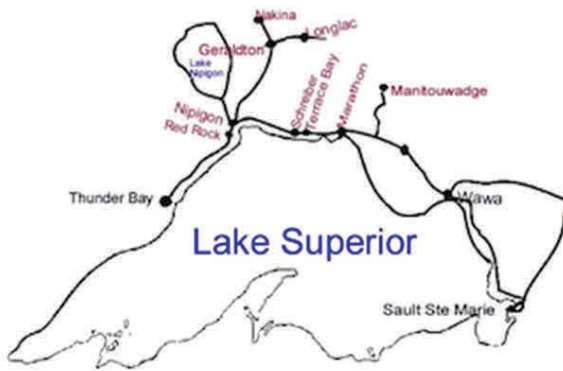
Remember: that we are here first and foremost for our students...our young people entrusted to us...and that they have a right to Catholic education in our Catholic schools...

Remember: to render support and appreciation to our priests...and not only seek their services...

Remember: that you are precious and deeply loved by God; that God is "merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"; that it is important to build communities of faith in our schools and offices by forgiving one another, recognizing the goodness in each other, praying together, lifting up each other's burdens and being compassionate, spending time together...



Maria's current activities



Maria was invited by Alexa McKinnon, the Director of Education from Superior North Catholic District School Board, to give a two-day workshop in October with grade two teachers and board administrators regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the light of the new religious education program "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ." This was held in Terrace Bay at the end of October.

One of the greatest challenges of this northern Catholic school board is that the nine elementary schools are geographically distant from each other, extending all the way from Red Rock to Manitowadge, and encompassing three dioceses: Thunder Bay, Hearst, and Sault Ste Marie.

Maria truly believes that Mother Marie Rose would want us to respond to the needs of the north where there are very few resources to assist teachers in education in the faith. She is delighted to help out in any way she can.

Visites aux nouveaux-arrivés

Carmen Catellier, SNJM

Des noms: Amin et Sima (grands-parents) Kazem et Fariba (enfants adultes) Nargess (fillette de Fariba). C'est déjà apprendre une nouvelle langue! Et, que c'est difficile de communiquer entre l'anglais qu'ils ne comprennent pas et leur langue Farsi ou Perse. Ils sont nés en Afghanistan, sauf la petite de 5 ans, mais en résidence en Iran depuis environ 20 ans. Les cultures sont mélangées entre eux. Leur tante Jamila au Canada depuis 22 ans à été éloignée de leur culture et connaissance alors souvent il y a des malentendus. Quand je rencontre la famille je dois me servir de beaucoup d'actions et l'interprète qui est souvent connecté avec nous par l'entremise de "speaker phone".

Le magasinage à Value Village est une expérience unique pour trouver des vêtements propres et appropriés pour l'hiver. Ayant des goûts pour la mode ils ne prennent pas n'importe quoi! De temps en temps je me rends chez eux pour faire un peu de conversation pour avancer leur apprentissage de l'anglais. Ils ne savent lire ni écrire aucune langue. Dans le moment je me sers d'un jeu de cartes. comme outil. Ils ont encore à reconnaître les chiffres ou encore brasser les cartes. La petite de 5 ans aime les livres coloriés que j'emprunte de la bibliothèque publique. Et à chaque fois que j'y vais il y a de nouveaux défis...le thermostat à régler, les cartes d'identité d'immigrants, visite à Winnipeg Harvest, trouver une église anglicane pour l'ainé, ranger les poubelles, assurer le bon fonctionnement des machines à laver et sécher et j'en passe.

Défis pour moi mais bien possible de rencontrer avec un bon grain d'humour. Ils en ont des immenses pour s'adapter et devenir indépendant dans notre ville. Mais un pas à la fois.



Famille Shahri. Kazim, Sima, Fariba, Amin



Nargess et sa maman, Fabrina

2016 Associate Renewal

Gina Hoe, Associate

The Feast Day of Mother Marie Rose was well celebrated once again, on Thursday, October 6th. Welcomed by Associates Paulette Martel and Gina Hoe, we shared in a liturgy of prayer and inspirational music as well as a thoughtful reflection on the 34th Acts of Chapter. Both young and seasoned Associates and Sisters participated in the Chapter readings, led by Sr. Carmen Catellier and Mary Morton. The liturgy emphasized the ongoing need for healing and liberation as we collaborate in the evolution of SNJM mission, responding to the cries of the world. It is clear that the spirit of the SNJM community of Sisters and Associates is alive and hopeful. Both Sisters and Associates reaffirmed their vows (Sisters) and commitments (Associates), officiated by Sr. Lorraine St-Hilaire. Following the service, we shared in a lovely reception prepared by Sr. Marguerite and the staff at Résidence Despins. Thank you to all who shared in this meaningful evening of faith and celebration.



Associates Teresa Campbell & Gina Hoe



Associates Jean Van Wallegghem (l) , Marlene Coughlin (r) and Candidate Ann Turner (m)



Associate Cecilia Wojcik with SMA Alumnae



Raquel Diez, Imee Gutierrez, Sr. Lesley Sacouman and Elydia Magsino

Take Lord,
Receive



Prenez Seigneur,
Recevez