



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF LATIN AMERICA Mission Day

On February 8, 2017, we got together in the retreat house of the Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Rosary (*Colegio de Jesús, Lima*) meeting with our religious sisters, associates and NFC (New Forms of Consecration); the atmosphere throughout was really nice.

Our encounter was very participative this time, and, as every year, it was delightful to be gathered with all the sisters who had arrived from their places of insertion: Chile, Tacna, Puno, Canto Grande and Lima. It was a great joy to see Sister Raymonde, Congregational Assistant.

We had been working in Mission Groups, assessing objectives and our accomplishments of 2016. We can say we have achieved 90% of what we had aimed at. With a renewed spirit, we hope to carry out our 2017 projects successfully.

One of the priorities, where we will continue giving each other support, is to work towards a ***society without human trafficking***.

The main task here is ***to stay vigilant when dealing with this human-rights abuse, and to raise awareness among children, the young and adults***. We will keep searching for opportunities where we will be able to work towards giving support to so many of those that need guidance.

Environmental protection was also much spoken about during the meeting. We ***tried to internalize the concept and find ways to protect our common home***.

Our commitment is to keep working for the sake of our society, in a spirit of union.

María Elena López Castro
Holy Cross Associate



NOËLLIE OUÉDRAOGO'S FIRST VOWS



On Saturday, February 18th, in the presence of all the communities in West Africa, several relatives and friends, Noëllie Ouédraogo pronounced her first vows in the chapel of the Disciples of the Divine Master. I am sending you the message of thanks written for the occasion by Sister Maryse Brisson, Animator of the communities of West Africa.

"It was on the occasion of Noëllie's first vows that we have gathered here on this day – February 18, 2017. With her, we have celebrated her 'yes' to the call of God, her 'yes' to follow in the footsteps of Jesus that lead to a world of justice and love. We have also celebrated her first vows, which she has pronounced in Holy Cross – the congregation she chose to undertake this journey of following Jesus

and to be in Jesus' company.

"Noëllie's commitment through her vows has been for us an opportunity to renew our own commitment expressed in our 'yes' pronounced throughout our lifetime:
'yes' to our precise mission received from God,
'yes' to that mission in order to better serve our brothers and sisters.

"Today is a special day. Let us continue to accompany and to support Noëllie in the gift of herself to God, in the gift of her life in the service of her brothers and sisters.

"Noëllie is assigned to the mission in Sikasso, Mali, where she will share community life with Sisters Agnès Nikiéma, Bernardine Nadembèga, and Edwige Paré."



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***"...I rely
on the strength of the Holy Spirit
to keep me faithful
to the end..."***

Const. 11.b



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