



TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEATIFICATION OF BLESSED BASIL MOREAU

On September 15, the Sisters, Brothers, and Fathers of Holy Cross celebrated the tenth anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau at St. Joseph Oratory. It was

in a spirit of gratitude that a simple and meaningful Mass was celebrated in the crypt. Memories of the 2007 event at Le Mans were shared during the supper.

During this time Sister Trinh recalled some meaningful and touching memories of the beatification which took place at the event in 2007 in Le Mans, France.

Thérèse Lefrançois, CSC

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we are one family under God



The Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) organized and allied interfaith groups to react to the fear and anxiety in our community resulting from an increase in heightened law enforcement and random acts of hate against undocumented immigrants.

In answer to this call to join the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network we, the Sisters of Holy Cross of the North American Region, are compelled to stand

against the unconscionable acts of deportation by Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and the immoral expressions of racism that are currently tearing families apart and seeking to fragment and divide us as a nation.

On the first Tuesday of every month, prayer vigils are held while the undocumented immigrants present themselves at ICE. The Sisters of Holy Cross are usually present at these vigils. The undocumented immigrants never know what the results of their meeting will be. In August, twenty-eight individuals were told to return in October with plane tickets to their homeland. Many immigrants have been here for twenty or more years! They arrived as children, are now grown and have no idea what their own children will do without their parents.

In union and in solidarity with our immigrant friends and neighbors, we will do everything in our power to provide support, accompaniment, advocacy, along with others of conscience and good will. Throughout the State of New Hampshire, we aim to endorse the objectives, strategies, and tactics of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network.

Jacqueline R. Verville, CSC, and Pauline Morneau, CSC



SEX TRAFFICKING 101

On Saturday, September 16, 2017 the Rights of Women & Solidarity Mission Group sponsored a workshop entitled “Trafficking 101”. The presenter, Donna Plourde, is the Executive Director at Real Life Giving, a nonprofit organization advocating for women and youth being exploited by the commercial sex industry in New Hampshire. Donna is also a certified trainer with the Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking with more than ten years experience.

The presentation focused on Domestic Sex Trafficking which, according to the federal Trafficking Victim Protection Act (TVPA), trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of commercial sex act where such an act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained eighteen years of age.

Factors That Increase Vulnerability:

- recruitment and control tactics of a trafficker/pimp;
- trauma bonding – “Why don’t they leave?”;
- the demand factor.

Identification Factors:

- overly controlling and obsessive relationship;
- signs of branding (tattoos, cutting, burning);
- physical signs of abuse;
- unexplained changes in behavior;
- isolation from family and friends;
- secretive about who they are talking to or meeting or online activity;
- attitude can be defensive, rude, evasive and aggressive.

Although the truth of this reality is difficult to hear, I believe the group left better informed and with “eyes opened” as to what is happening in our own backyard – right here in New Hampshire. The Rights of Women & Solidarity Mission Group will remain committed not only to continued education but also in support of the mission of Real Life Giving.

Elaine Marquis, CSC



Donna Plourde
Presenter



COMMUNITY NEWS FROM SANTIAGO, CHILE

First, we would like to thank God for everything He has given us during the General Chapter and ask that God will enlighten the new General Council with wisdom. Guerline Petit-Frère returned to the novitiate after her pastoral experience in our community. As a sign of gratitude, the people organized a farewell gathering. Thank you for accepting to share life with us.

We often speak of collaboration with the Family of Holy Cross. We are receiving Esperanza Jacobo, a Mexican Sister of the Holy Cross, who comes as an exchange student from her university. She will share life in our community until December. Sister Rasmata, CSC, is continuing her courses at CONFERRE along with her junior companions as well as participating in Lima in the Congress of the New Generations in Consecrated Life. She is participating in the meeting of young adult CSC leaders with the activities of vocation ministry.

Sister Sonia, CSC, continues her work in the Office of the Apostolate of the Rosary with the collaboration of many volunteers who have been involved in this ministry either by organizing workshops, prayer in the Metropolitan Cathedral, or preparing materials.

On August 14, we had a Mass of Thanksgiving for Sister Saturnina's 25 years of religious life, during which the priests and brothers of Holy Cross and some of the closest people from the school and parish participated. The celebration was beautiful and simple. Equally for this occasion, we had the visit of Sister Fabienne, CSC, it was nice to spend a few days with us. Thank you Fabi for your visit.

We have also celebrated *Fiestas Patrias*, the national holiday, in September. Thank God for this land.

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