



ASSEMBLY - ONTARIO SECTOR - OTTAWA OCTOBER 14, 2017



The Ontario Sector of Holy Cross held its Assembly in Ottawa on October 14, 2017. Sisters and Associates came from near and far to participate in this very special day.

Each one of us was particularly delighted to welcome Sister Raymonde for her first visit since her election. We welcomed her warmly and assured her of our prayers and blessings for her and for her administration. The Assembly opened with the commitment of three new Associates to the Sector. During the service the new Associates: Cathy Black, Ginny Ellis, and Sandy Massine received the cross and signed a certificate recognizing them as full Associates. The entire Assembly extended hands in prayerful blessings.

The second part of the morning (*In Memoriam*) gave us an opportunity to thank God and pray for members of our Sector who have gone before us. Special prayers were offered for the seventeen of our dear sisters who are now guiding us from a heavenly place.

In part three, Sister Raymonde presented the Acts of the Chapter -- the Holy Cross Orientation for the next six years.

The final presentation of the day was our expression of gratitude to Jean, Kathryn, and Terry who have been in leadership for many years.

On behalf of the Sector each Sister received a tribute and a gift from the Sisters and Associates.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS:

To Jean

I may not remember all the wise words you shared. I may not know or remember all yr amazing feats of accomplishments, but Sister Jean I will never forget how you made me feel....loved. Jenn, ASC

Jean has a gift of being able to pass on her knowledge embedded with a depth of faith. The Sisters of Holy Cross received a great gift with Jean's charisma...a

gift that keeps on giving. May you have many happy years. Lynn, CSC

To Kathryn

What springs to my mind first is your warmth, openness and hospitality. For the past years you opened your home to the Associates. Your prayer participation enriched our meetings. When I think of you the words: "Gentle woman, quiet light" come to mind. Judy, ASC

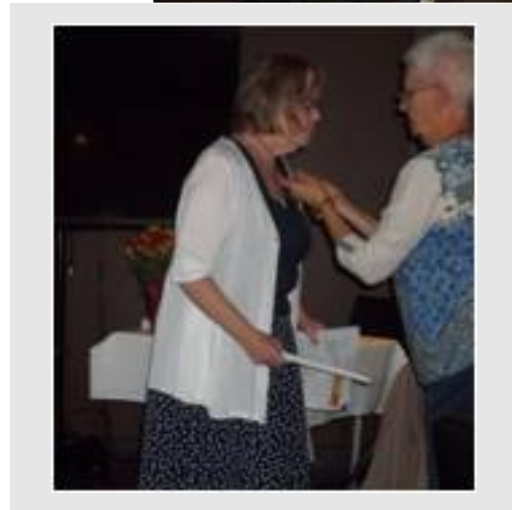
No one ever came to see you without leaving feeling better and happier. You are the living expression of God's kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile and kindness in your words. I ask that God bless you in abundance and keep you in His ever loving care. Barbara H., CSC

To Terry

You showed your great love for the poor, compassion for students, trips with students to Latin America along with your wonderful work in bringing to life, the Holy Cross Stations of the Cross. May God show you many blessings as you move forward. Annette, ASC

Throughout your years of service you have given so willingly to this Region. Thank you, Terry. You have been a good and faithful servant. Cecile, CSC

Betty Dilio, CSC



A WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE



When it was announced that the members of St. Catherine's School and Parish in Manchester were going to celebrate Sister Jeannette Landreville's 65th jubilee, she was not very excited. Sister Jeannette does not like to be the focus of public attention. She comforted herself by saying: "Who wants to come and see an old nun on a beautiful Sunday afternoon of autumn?" Well, surprise, surprise! The school gym was full. Not only were there families from the parish and school, but her Holy Cross Sisters were there, as well as a large troop of the Landreville clan.

Father Paul Montminy spoke of her forty years of teaching at the school, preparing children for first communion and/or baptism and then, too, making her weekly visits to as many as twenty of the elderly. Always, she radiated her sunshine smile and natural wit wherever she happened to be. Deacon Ed Munz called her a "true deacon", that is, a person of service with amazing energy for an 86 year-old woman. Several nieces and nephews related stories about her visits home and how she always gathered the children with fun and games. One nephew related how Jeannette picked up a shovel to help him spread loam while she was in full habit. The stories and laughter abounded.

Sister Jeannette received a painting of an autumn tree whose leaves were made from the thumb-prints of all the children at the school who love her dearly. I can attest to this love personally because she was my kindergarten teacher sixty-two years ago and she gave me a love of school like no other. Congratulations, Sister Jeannette! You deserved the limelight of that Sunday afternoon on the 22nd of October, 2017.

Pauline Maurier, CSC

BUZZ SESSION

On October 28, 2017 the General Council and Sector Leaders gathered to "Meet and Greet" the sisters of the US Sector. Every seat in the Manor Dining Room was occupied for this "buzz session", an opportunity to

share and ask questions with regard to the new structure.

This supportive and interactive gathering was filled with expressions of hope, openness, enthusiasm, humor, humility and communion. love for one another and Holy Cross.

We are on a journey into the future "aware that we are inhabited and carried by the same unique **Breath of LIFE**" (Acts of Chapter 2016-2017).

A spirit of gratitude for our newly-elected and appointed leaders, and their response to the invitation of the Spirit culminated by singing our traditional "Magnificat" from the depths of our being...

We are ONE.



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