

**THAT ALL MAY HAVE LIFE!**



**FEAST OF THE INSTITUTE-1996**

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**We are gathered here this evening to celebrate LIFE. Today is the birthday of our Institute.**

**Catherine speaks to us in her letter of February 24th "of the signs of new life in many parts of the Institute.**

**Inspired by our Founder, Venerable Jean Gailhac, our Foundress Mother St. Jean and our early sisters, we move forward in that faith and zeal which marked the first community. We, too, strive to read the signs of the times as we stretch out our hands and our hearts to the needy. We strive to be creative in fleshing out the spirit of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary as we approach a new millenium.**

**Today's liturgy speaks of building up on old foundations. We ask the Lord to constantly reveal his ways to us and to listen to his voice. Jesus tells us that we must go to those who need us, to those who must change their ways.**

**This evenine, as we celebrate 147 years of LIFE, we unite in our petition that we may be faithful to our calling, to be compassionate and courageous women, to use our varied gifts for the the glory of God's Kingdom so that ALL MAY HAVE LIFE.**

**MOTHER ST. JEAN PELISSIER CURE- FOUNDRRESS**

**(Her last words to our Founder, Ven. Jean Gailhac)**

**"God is with us, our work shall prosper"**

**OPENING SONG: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

**We are companions on the journey, Breaking bread and sharing life; And in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God.**

**We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, to walk humbly with our God.**

**We are companions on the journey...**

**We are made for the glory of God, for service in the name of Jesus: to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God.**

**MOTHER SAINTE CROIX VIDAL-2nd Superior General**

**"Our order embraces all the works of zeal and all classes of society, but the Poor are the special object of our solicitude".**

**FIRST READING from the Prophet Isaiah (58: 9-14)**

**The Lord says this:**

**If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like the noon. The Lord will always guide you, giving you relief in desert places. He will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry. You will rebuild the ancient ruins, build up on old foundations. You will be called "Breach-mender", "Restorer of ruined houses". If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, and doing business on the holy day, if you call the sabbath "Delightful", and the day sacred to the Lord "Honourable", if you honour it by abstaining from travel, from doing business and from gossip, then you shall find happiness in the Lord and I will lead you triumphant over the heights of the land. I will feed you on the heritage of Jacob your father. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**MOTHER ST. FELIX MAYMARD-3rd Superior General  
" The death of our dear Father was truly the death of the just, he fell asleep peacefully in the Lord."**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (85)**

**SHOW ME, LORD, YOUR WAY SO THAT I MAY WALK  
IN YOUR TRUTH.**

**1. Turn your ear, O Lord and give answer, for I am poor and  
needy.**

**Preserve my life, for I am faithful: save the servant who  
trusts in you.**

**2. You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord, for I cry to you  
all the day long. Give joy to your servant, O Lord, for to you  
I lift up my soul.**

**3. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who  
call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the  
sound of my voice.**

**MOTHER ST.CONSTANCE FARRET-4th Sup. General  
"It is by a solid and supernatural union, that we shall  
procure the glory of God and the prosperity of our dear  
Institute"**

**ALLELUIA(Sung)Harden not your hearts today, but listen  
to the voice of the Lord.**

**MOTHER JOSEPH BUTLER-5th Superior General  
"Not to be apostles would be to betray our vocation."**

## **GOSPEL- (Luke, 5:27-32)**

**Jesus noticed a tax collector, Levi by name, sitting by the customs house, and said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything he got up and followed him. In his honour Levi held a great reception in his house, and with them at table was a large gathering of tax collectors and others. The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples and said, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus said to them in reply, "It is not those who are well who need the doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the virtuous, but sinners to repentance."**

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**MOTHER GERARD PHELAN-6th Superior General**

**"Devotion to Mary is the shortest road to holiness."**

## **HOMILY**

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**MOTHER RITA ROWLEY- 7th Superior General**

**" I beg the Sacred Heart of Mary to bless each member of the Institute and sustain our apostolic efforts."**

## **UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

## **OFFERTORY SONG: LES MAINS OUVERTES**

**Les mains ouvertes devant toi, Seigneur, Pour t'offrir le monde!  
Les mains ouvertes devant toi, Seigneur, Notre joie est profonde.**

**Garde-nous tout petits devant ta face,  
Simples et purs comme un ruisseau.  
Garde-nous tout petits devant nos frères,  
Et disponibles comme une eau.**

**Garde-nous tout petits devant ta face,  
Brulants d'amour et pleins de joie.  
Garde-nous tout petits parmi nos frères,  
Simples chemins devant leur pas.**

## **MOTHER MARGUERITE MARIE GONCALVES**

**8th Superior General**

**"Each one of us must place ourselves in the presence of the Lord with a sincere desire to follow Him without conditions nor limits."**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY(sung)**

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**"It was in its revelation as the people of God, that the Church, guided by the Spirit, perceived the encounter of holiness with justice integrated in the Christian Life."**

## **COMMUNION SONG: CENTER OF MY LIFE**

**O Lord, you are the center of my life: I will always praise you, I will always serve you, I will always keep you in my sight.**

**Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.**

**I say to the Lord, "You are my God.**

**My happiness lies in you alone;**

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**I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,**

**Who even at night directs my heart.**

**I keep the Lord ever in my sight:**

**Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.**

**SISTER MARY MILLIGAN- 10th Superior General**

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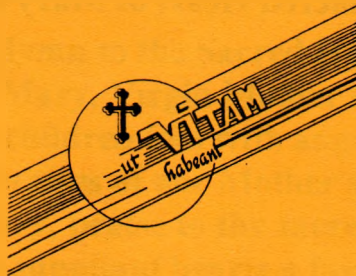
**Make us sensitive to the needs of your people.**

**Mark us with the fidelity of Gailhac.  
May our presence be a constant revelation of love and joy  
As was Mary's-Woman of faith and hope.  
Make us grow, Lord, in true zeal,  
capable of transforming the world.  
May our hearts discover you in the Scriptures,  
in the breaking of bread and in the service of others.  
Strengthened and united in love  
we want as individuals, and as an Institute,  
to be a testimony to the world that you are Father  
and that we are brothers and sisters in your Son,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SISTER PATRICIA CONNOR-11th Superior General  
"It is in the totality of our life that God desires us to grow  
and invites us to advance in the way of conversion"**

**CLOSING SONG:Hymn to the Sacred Heart of Mary  
O Sacred Heart of Mary, Virgin Mother of fair love,  
Today your earthly children join with angel choirs above.  
In singing high the praises of our Mother's Sacred Heart,  
Praise to thee, O Mary, praise to thy sacred Heart.  
O Mother dear with suppliant hearts a favour we entreat,  
O grant us the petition that we lay before thy feet.  
May our love and zeal grow deeper in God's service for  
our time.  
Praise to thee, O Mary, praise to thy Sacred Heart.**

**SISTER CATHERINE DOLAN-12th Superior General**  
**"It would be a marvelous witness to our divided world, if**  
**we could say about our communities, "See how these**  
**Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary love one another".**



**WITH GRATITUDE TO THE BRAZILIAN PROVINCE FOR THEIR INSPIRATIONAL CALENDAR 1996, TO SISTER ALBERT HIGGINS FOR HER TRANSLATION OF THE QUOTATIONS OF TWELVE SUPERIORS-GENERAL AND TO THE VILLA COMMUNITY FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY!**