



*With one heart  
and one passion,  
let us put our hand  
to the work of resurrection...*

**Ermitage, Pierrefonds July 16, 2011**

Morning prayer opened with a dynamic message from our Sisters of Sainte-Marie Residence. The capitulars are told that the Mass at the residence, celebrated at the same time as ours, here in Pierrefonds, was offered at our intentions:



*Dear Capitulars,*

*Here we are having completed half of our pilgrimage with the Samaritan Woman. You have gathered the fruits of the Spirit and it is time to think of the seeds for planting; seeds that will be flung far and wide at the four corners of the world. We are the soil waiting to be seeded, yes, each and every one of us. We want this soil to be a fertile one, nourished by our trust, by our hope, and by our solidarity.*

*Well aware of the responsibility which is yours at this moment, dear Capitulars, we, of Saint Marie Residence, are also conscious of our deep communion with you. We have asked our celebrant to offer this Eucharist for all of your intentions. Together we shared in this offering as a concrete gesture of our solidarity and our communion with you.*

*Thank you for watching over our Holy Cross heritage and for your care in its transmission to others.*

*We, the Sisters of Saint Marie residence.*

The theme of the Samaritan Woman resurfaced. We were invited to continue to develop the attentive listening attitudes of Jesus as He met her at the well.



Models of non-violence are proposed for our consideration and contemplation: Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Ghandi, Msgr. Oscar Romero, Mother Theresa, and Nelson Mandela. Concretely, in their option for the poor, for peace, and for non-violence in all its forms, these witnesses of non-violence lived the words and teachings of Jesus. The words of Isaiah come to mind : "Your night will be as the light of day".

In communion with the whole Congregation, again we say our YES to non-violence.

Today, we celebrate Monique Paquette's birthday as we sing "Monique c'est à ton tour de te laisser parler d'AMOUR..." Sister Trinh, as spokesperson for all of us, offers her our sincere wishes:

*Dear Sister Monique,*

*Many years ago, with great joy, a woman held you in her arms for the first time. Your mother began to nurture you to womanhood. Today, we are happy to bear witness to the woman you have become, a woman eager to listen to life, to be at the service of others, to foster human dignity and freedom. Yes, it is our turn to thank God for this wise woman, "a woman dedicated to Life".*



Monique Paquette

*Thank you for listening to the profound desire God has placed in your heart and for having generously said "yes" to God's call, especially in the Eastern Region where you share your daily life and continue to inspire so many of us.*

*May this be a day of joy and thanksgiving and may the God of Life and freedom continue to accompany you in your work as you help others enter into the fullness of life.*

The day was spent in a spirit of research and discernment on the following recommendations:

- Creation of an umbrella
- Associates and New Forms of Consecration

Thank You

Thank you to our Sisters of Saint Marie residence for their most encouraging message!

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