



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

Hermitage, Pierrefonds July 7, 2011

July 6th

This first day of chapter opened with a prayer featuring the presence of the Samaritan woman, the symbol around which we have been gathering during these last few months: *drink from the Source of living waters...go forth and proclaim the Good News of the presence of our God.* A message of support and solidarity from the English Canadian Region was proclaimed and received at the heart of this prayer: "In prayerful solidarity with the Chapter delegates, the Sisters of our Region will spend time in adoration on the first day of Chapter, praying that the Breath of the Spirit may enlighten and guide each of the delegates." Some may continue this practice throughout the Chapter.



Sister Kesta invited the capitulars to live significant encounters with one another for the Chapter is truly a time of grace.

"We are blessings for one another and meant to be incandescent flames for our world."

Time was allotted for a return on yesterday's opening celebration:

A few comments:

- I felt carried forward by our predecessors
- A call to be open to the whole world
- Each one is filled with youthfulness of heart
- CSC is fully alive
- Called to let the Spirit work in us
- The pouring of water in the fountain from each region: internationality
- I recognized myself in the CREDO
- Unity in diversity
- Great Hope

Most of the morning session was spent in the technical organization of the Chapter in order to assure that all would run smoothly in the days to come.



Yvette Bellerose, ssa et Aurore Larkin, sgm
Chapter facilitators

In the afternoon, Sister Claire Lanthier, Finance Director, presented the financial report for 2005-2011. After quoting Acts 2:44 "And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common", she reminded the capitulars that:

"The placing of all our goods in common flows from our commitment as religious and affirms that sharing is possible even in these individualistic times. This sharing represents a challenge for each of us, calling us to WIDEN THE SPACE OF OUR TENTS, to think Congregation, to be in solidarity with those we serve."

Sister Claire's financial report is a concrete expression of our Constitutions no. 180:

All the sisters are "corporately responsible" for the work of Holy Cross. Their prudent and dedicated participation in the government of the congregation expresses their desire to be docile to the Spirit in order "to bring the congregation to its full development and perfection".

We wish to thank the regions for their messages of prayerful support. To all the sisters who have sent a personal message, our sincere gratitude. We continue to count on you, to be united in "One heart and one Passion".



Sharing a good meal together

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