



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

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What a wonderful way of preparing our hearts and minds to receive Sister Kesta's presentation: Hymn to Creation in song and video: a prayerful message from la residence Le Mans!

Lord God, both during and after the Chapter, send your Spirit of Pentecost to our Congregation, so that faithful to our Founder's charism, we, the Sisters of Holy Cross may be prophetic signs of your Liberating Presence wherever we serve in today's world.

With passion and conviction, Sister Kesta presented her vision of the Congregation. She highlighted certain major points of her report: the questions, the challenges and the basis of our hope.



Conference room decor

She urged us to care for the gift of Holy Cross and to live our charism with openness, audacity and confidence in its different forms of expression for today: a fruitful partnership with our associates and with persons involved in new forms of religious life.



Kesta Occident

Sister Kesta reminded us that the face of the Congregation is living a profound change just as our world is changing.

After this presentation the capitulars were invited to reflect on the following questionnaire which we are sharing with you. With one heart, let us allow ourselves to be challenged.

“Let us give ourselves the right to dream and to be visionaries.....”

Questionnaire:

1. In this report, what are the essential elements that need to be retained in order to help us **fashion our congregation into what it is called to be in today's world**, for the next six years? Are there other important elements that ought to be added to this report?

2. Taking into consideration **our reality and our call**, and, so that we may choose with God the future that we wish to build **together** during the years 2014 until 2017,
 1. Name two (2) steps that we need to take courageously.
 2. What appears to be our two (2) most important challenges? To find our momentum, what do we consider to be our leverage?

 3. According to you, what are the two (2) constraints facing the Congregation at this time? In order to keep our momentum, on what can we depend for support?

 4. Name two (2) traps to be avoided at all cost.

3. When you think of our Congregation as it will be in 2014...in 2017, how does this Chapter challenge us **personally** and **collectively**?

How beneficial it would be to share our answers to these questions in local community.....



Dorval Brunelle

Two conferences presented during the afternoon session clearly illustrated some of the major changes taking place in our society. With humor and lucidity, Mr. Dorval Brunelle, gave us a rapid tour of the new horizons appearing on the global scene. There is no doubt, that at this time, there are more questions than answers.....



Louise Vandelac

For her part, Mrs. Louise Vandelac shared her convictions with us. Knowledgeable and competent, she drew a picture of the state of our environment the, the causes of its

breakdown and possible remedies for this alarming situation. She stressed the responsibility of each and every one of us in the care of the planet, gift of our Creator God and heritage for future generations.

Sister Réjeanne Riopel, is today's spokesperson

to respond to the many messages received. She writes:

During our morning celebration, your prayer spoke of the union of hearts so dear to Blessed Father Moreau. Please continue to implore the Spirit so that we may continue to live this time in great openness according to God's loving plan for the Congregation and for today's world.

Remember to visit the Holy Cross website!