



MISSION CONGRESS



REKINDLE OUR FIRE

CANADA DAY

Ô CANADA! Terre de nos aïeux...



Claire Desmarais, CSC, Denise Desrochers, CSC,
Claire Vanier, CSC



Denise Desrochers, CSC,

TREASURE HUNT

"Ice Breaker"

The Mission Congress opened with an interesting ice breaker that consisted of sharing on the following questions:

What is your name?

In two sentences, describe your ministry.

What is your passion?

A fourth question focused on a specific topic with a corresponding ritual:

How is ***water*** important to your culture?

What is your favorite ***animal***?

What is one word that describes what this animal teaches you?

Who is / was ***your role model*** in your ministry? What did you receive from this person?

When you look up at the ***night sky***, does that remind you of your relationship with God?

If so, how?

What is your unique relationship with ***Earth***?

What ***plant*** is significant to the life of the people of your (actual or native) country?

As you live your ***passion*** for mission, what keeps your fire alive?

Every eight minutes, all participants regrouped which provided the opportunity to become acquainted with Mission Congress participants.

A FEW RITUALS



**EACH PERSON RAISED THEIR HANDS OVER
THE WATER AND PRAYED:**

"We bless and thank you."

Wedeler Jean-Louis, ASC

Antonio Romulo Oscco Quintana, ASC



Members of the *EARTH* group blessed one another with soil.
Marlene Bosch, CSC, offering a blessing to Micheline Bovat, HCA



Surround a *tree* or *plant* with loving energy to thank it.
Pauline Maurier, CSC, Raymonde Maisonneuve, CSC,
Doreen Cloutier, CSC, Vierginat André, CSC, Pam Nolan, CSC

CLOSING RITUAL



Liturgical Dance to the song: "Sacred Fire"
Marlene Bosch, CSC

SATURDAY MORNING GREETING

Lorraine Decelles, Facilitator

SAWU BONA

When the tribes of South Africa in the northern province of Natal greet each other, the most current salutation, which is equivalent to our "Good Morning" in English, is the expression:

"Sawu Bona"

This literally means: ***"I see you."***

"Sikhona"

And those who belong to the tribe respond:

"I am here."

The sequence of this exchange is crucial because, before you can be recognized, you do not exist.

"An individual exists only by being recognized by the other."

If you live in this awareness,
your identity will meld into the fact of your "being seen,"
of being respected by your entourage who recognizes you as an individual.

"Sawu Bona"

to each one of you...

PANELISTS

Saturday afternoon -- Presentations

Saturday afternoon was dedicated to presentations by six panelists. They are:

Louise Auclair, CSC
Holy Cross Early Childhood Center
Manchester, NH

Marielle Legendre, CSC
Mary, Gate of Heaven Orphanage
Cap-Haïtien, Haïti

Chantal Desjardins, CSC
Pastoclub
Montreal, P.Q.

Maryse Brisson, CSC
St. Damien College of Garango
Burkina Faso, Africa

Sonia Carola Mendoza Porras, CSC
Collaboration Project with the Family of Holy Cross
Rosary Office
Santiago, Chile

Lucie Cousineau
Ermitage Sainte-Croix
Pierrefonds, P.Q.



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*It's a beautiful day for para-sailing.
However, this activity is not related to the Mission Congress!*

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