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Editorial Sr Isabelle Retailleau,
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In these times, when in every part of the world circumstances provoke and destabilize us, the feeling of precariousness of life is persistent: how to face so many difficult circumstances: the armed groups by the surrounding countries that come to attack the East of the Congo, the political and social crisis in Haiti, the civil war and its consequences in Sudan, the economic and social crisis in Sri-Lanka, the war in Ukraine, so many countries facing natural disasters that are becoming more and more frequent, the pandemic that continues...?

In the last few days, we have been looking at Ukraine

and in the face of the aggression that the Ukrainian people have suffered, they have risen up with fortitude and courage against the aggression, against the dictate of violence, claiming their right to exist, their right to freedom, their right to be themselves.

This people, like others, reminds us of our Christian vocation to believe that life is always stronger than death and to let Christ, the Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, free us from our fears and

our entrapment. How do we ourselves stand up to face the great questions facing humanity, counting on the grace of the Lord who gives us the perseverance and resilience necessary to seek the paths to be opened?

Indeed, as Christians, as Daughters of Wisdom, in this time of uncertainty that is shaking us up, we can only really set out on our journey by courageously **facing the questions that are posed to our world today:**

- What is the world we want to leave for future generations?
- What choices must we make to open up life giving paths for all?
- What interdependence do we have to build among ourselves and with the whole of Creation as the most beautiful heritage that we can hand over to future generations by "developing the loving consciousness of not being disconnected from other creatures"?[1]

The answers we bring to these questions, however small, can help us and humanity to get out of the "spiral of self-destruction in which we are sinking", as Pope Francis states in his Encyclical *Laudato Si*!

As a Congregation dedicated to Wisdom incarnate, we will go through the pages of this Bulletin with this vision that will help us to perceive and discern what Wisdom inspires us,

in her incarnation, as paths of dialogue to open, as paths of closeness to deploy, as paths of resilience to reveal.

[1] In N° 220 of the encyclical Laudato Si

[2] In N° 163 of the encyclical Laudato Si



SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

Sr. Mini Menachery, India

Life is a journey filled with lessons, hardships, heartaches, joys, celebrations and special moments that will ultimately lead us to our destination, our purpose in life. The road will not always be smooth; in fact, throughout our life journey, we will encounter many challenges.

Some of these challenges will test our courage, strengths, weaknesses and faith.

Along the way, we may stumble upon obstacles that will come between the paths that we are destined to take. We must overcome these obstacles by finding signs of new life.

In this present scenario we are all caught up and confronted with devastating COVID 19 Pandemic.

The whole world is suffering due to it. How we respond to what we are faced with determines what kind of outcome the rest of our journey through life will be like. **We have two choices in dealing with the situations.** We can focus on the fact that things didn't go how we had hoped they would and let life pass us by, or two, **we can make the best out of the situation** and know that these are setbacks and find the lessons that are to be learned.

Time stops for no one, and we allow ourselves to focus on the negative, we might miss out on some really amazing things that life has to offer. We can't go back to the past, ***we can only take the lessons that we have learned and the experiences that we have gained from it and move on.***



It is because of the painful situations and hardships that at the end makes us stronger persons to bring signs of new life within and around. Synod of 2021- 23 brings signs of new hope and life. The synodal church invites us to explore, participate in ways of exercising responsibility in the living of gospel values by which we are called to build an eco-friendly, sustainable and habitable world.

“Scrutinize the signs of the time and interpret them in the light of the Gospel” (GS, no. 4).

It is a universal struggle and tragedy that we are living through COVID 19 Pandemic “momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, when one person’s problems are the problems of

all. Once more, we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together” (FT, no. 32).



We have been finding signs of new life in these crucial, depressing and devastating situations of life, humanity has become a support to one another. **When the churches were closed, homes have become domestic churches where Holy Eucharistic celebrated in on line, Bible sharing and praying together.**

There is a sense of belonging, of family unity and community oriented services to the less privileged brothers and sisters of ours

(women, men, children, foster homes migrants and counseling for the depressed). People from different walks of life came together, joined

their hands together to fight against this pandemic.

Because of this reality, we returned to God in prayer and we realized that our common home Mother Earth is destroyed, the whole of our creation disturbed and that no human power could eradicate COVID 19 but only God the Author and Creator of the universe. Our creator God is inviting us to bring signs of hope and life to the universe.

Many of our consecrated men and women have become covid warriors by sacrificing their life and saving the lives of many brothers and sisters.

One among them is **Sr. Shigi Chacko DW** this candle of hope will continue to burn brightly as she has become an inspiration to bring life. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remain a grain of wheat..." (Jn 12: 24).



ENTRY TO THE PRE-NOVITIATE

Sr Guerline Ambroise

The joy of serving and loving

The Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom sowed seeds of great variety in her garden. **She took care of them day and night without getting tired.** In various ways, Wisdom showed each one how precious they are to her. One day, she saw five flower buds beginning to open to her: Paula Jean Noël, Marie Alice Mingot, Berchenade Erassaint, Schwasney Gordina Poutchama Estimé, Michelène Saint Louis.

Having grown up under the gaze of Wisdom, they tasted her delights and had no other desire than to give themselves to Her by continuing their journey in the Pre-Novitiate. Thus, on this January 23, 2022, a day consecrated '**Sunday of the Word**', during the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Reverend Father Gustot Lucien, Sister Rose Norma Rigaud and the community of Kenscoff were committed to accompany them.

This commitment was symbolized by a jar filled with water, a sign of their support and reference to the source that is the Word of God... Then the young women came forward one after

the other with an empty glass, showing their **desire to quench their thirst at the source of the Word of God, their compass.**



Pope Francis tells us in his apostolic exhortation "Gaudete et Exsultate" in numbers 24 and 25 respectively: "May you recognize what is this Word, this message of Jesus that God wants to deliver to the world through your life!

Let yourself be transformed, let yourself be renewed by the Spirit..."

"Your identification with Christ and with his desires implies the commitment to build with him, that Kingdom of love, justice and peace for all people..."

After the homily, in front of Sr. Nadige Jean-Charles, Provincial Superior, the little buds that are our five pre-novices committed themselves to continue their journey **each one, holding a symbol in which there is a Word of God** that they found while meditating during their recollection followed by privileged means to live it by concrete actions.



The sisters coming from different communities, our aspirant's and the young people in search present accompanied them in their



From left to right : Shwazney, Marie Alice, Berchenade, Paula et Michelène

prayer.

What a joy to serve and love under the gaze of Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom!

Let us be convinced that his sweetest pleasures and dearest delights are to converse and dwell with us.

It was a great moment of joy and conviviality.

We closed the day with a musical celebration animated by the Scalabrinian seminarians, where everyone danced, laughed, spoke with each other.



Together let us go with the strength that animates us towards Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom.

CLOSURE OF CREGG HOUSE IN IRELAND

Sr Maureen Seddon, GBI

The Daughters of Wisdom traveled to Sligo, Ireland in 1955 at the invitation of the Department of Health to establish **a residential center for children with intellectual disabilities.** Cregg House, which could accommodate twenty-four children and a community of eight sisters, was officially opened in December 1955.

This was a particular source of joy as it was our first foundation in Ireland.

Founded on Christian values, the ethos of the Daughters of Wisdom services was to provide **the highest quality of care, education and training.** The sisters strive to provide an environment that allows each person to live, learn and develop to their fullest potential, so that their quality of life is as happy and fulfilling as possible.

They also provided families with the support and guidance they needed to ensure their son or daughter's well-being.

The Centre expanded greatly over the years with the establishment of a School of Nursing, St Cecilia's



Sr Marian Rooney with a child

National Special School, Rosses Sheltered workshop and the opening of community based homes connected to Cregg House. It was also providing residential and day services for children and adults. In 2007, due to diminishing numbers, the Sisters moved into nearby rented accommodation but still continued to be involved in pastoral care. The vacated convent building provided much needed accommodation especially for the growing number of residents with Alzheimer's disease.

In 2014, the management of the service was passed over to the *Health*

Service Executive which in line with government policy continued the process of moving from congregated settings to community living. **At the closure of the campus in November 2021, a moment of profound sadness** but also of great thanksgiving for all that had been accomplished over sixty six years, a total of 39 community houses were fully established in the 3 counties of Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal.

St. Cecilia's school, a school of excellence, is being left as our legacy with negotiations taking place for its transference to the Diocese of Elphin.

The following is a testimony of a nurse with her sister as a resident.

"My journey with the Daughters of Wisdom and Cregg House in Sligo began back in 1976 when my sister Betty was 4 years old. Betty was born with Downs Syndrome and was the light of our lives. When Betty went to live in Cregg House in 1977, we were heartbroken when she



left, the house seemed so empty without her.

However, I was delighted to be accepted to train as a nurse in the Cregg House School of Nursing in **1978**. When I arrived, I immediately felt I was where I was meant to be. It was wonderful to be able to spend extra time with Betty and to see for myself just how well she and all the other residents were so well cared for.

Cregg House has always been person-centered and Betty's life is certainly proof of that. We, as family will forever be grateful to the Sisters for opening their hearts and their home to Betty. I do believe that her life would have been completely different to the amazing life she has now. While she would certainly never have been lacking in love, I know that she would not, despite our best efforts as a family have reached her full potential should she have remained at home.

I was fortunate to continue working at Cregg House until the end and gradually say goodbye to a place I have loved being a part of for over 43 years. On November 24, **2021**, the final chapter in the history of Cregg House, which has been home to hundreds of people for **66 years** and a great place to work for hundreds of staff members, came to an end. **It has been a privilege to be a part of Cregg House's history**, and while all the residents have moved into beautiful

new homes, I am very grateful to have been part of the "old" Cregg House, which was a place of love, faith and friendship, a family and a home. A place where, as nursing students, we were supported by those older than us and by the wonderful sisters **who opened their hearts and homes to us and became lifelong friends**. A place of fun. A place where joys were celebrated and sorrows were shared.

On that last evening I looked towards the "original" Cregg House and when I saw the light shining in the doorway, I was reminded of the light of love and welcome that always shone in all that Cregg House represented."



Whilst the closure of Cregg House has been a very painful process, we, the Daughters of Wisdom, are **full of gratitude for all the good that was accomplished and is to continue**. For those of us who were privileged to be part of the life and ministry of Cregg House, we thank God for how our lives have been touched and blest by those

entrusted to our care along with family members, staff and members of the wider community.



Fr John Carroll, Sarah Corbett,
Sr Margaret Morris



School complex

ECHO OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE NOVITIATE, HAITI

Sr Evelyne Cétoute

It is January 9, 2022. The liturgy gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the date chosen for entry into the novitiate, given that religious life is rooted in the baptismal commitment which makes us Christians.

- The baptism of the Lord,
- The entrance to the novitiate,
- The blessing of the novitiate house

A triple event to mark the day!

In 2011, we generously consented to the closing of the novitiate. On September 8 of the same year, the French-speaking international novitiate in Clamart, a suburb of Paris, officially opened. Nineteen Haitian women were formed in this international novitiate divided into six groups.

Ten years later, the novitiate has once again returned to Haiti. Now we are to inaugurate a new house of formation; this time, it is not "**Chansolme**" in the North-West, but "**Ségur**", in the Croix-des-Bouquets district, near the capital.

How can we not think of our founders, of the ten years that passed between Poitiers and La Rochelle? How can we not think of that time, particularly trying for Montfort and Marie-Louise?

- From Poitiers to La Rochelle,
- From Chansolme to Clamart,
- From Clamart to Segur.

Ten years have passed! Here we are! The thread of our history is taken up again with the entry into the novitiate of Maïtide MERISIER, Anestasia DERISE and Aminay PAPAYOUTE.

Sister Nadige Jean-Charles, our Provincial, and about thirty Sisters from the communities of the Western Zone came to share the joy and grace of this morning.

Two significant gestures open our celebration:

The first is made by the three sisters who form the novitiate community, bringing "**A hearth**" symbolizing the community that welcomes the "**flame**

of desire", the second gesture made by the novices themselves. Is not the hearth the indispensable element to welcome every flame?

We wish - in the continuation of the journey of these young women, entrusting us with their flame - to be communities "**home of the charism**" ready to receive their flames, ready to help them maintain them, so that together as a Congregation, as a Province of Wisdom, we bring the flame of Wisdom to warm up our country, our Province, the world.

The second part of the celebration begins with **the commitment of the prenovices**. Sister Nadige Jean-Charles, the provincial leader, invited them to make their commitment by addressing the following short word to them:

*"Following the example of **Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort** and Blessed **Marie-Louise de Jésus**, do not be afraid to offer yourselves to the ardent love of Wisdom, this fire that burns without*



devouring, without destroying, but purifies, verifying the quality of the vocation like gold in the crucible of the fire...

Surrounded by the loving, warm and fervent presence of the sisters present, Maïtide Mérisier, Anestasia Dérise and Aminay Papayoute, committed themselves to :

- Live fully the demands of this time,
- Allow themselves to be formed by following the discipline of life of the novitiate,
- Let themselves be transformed...

These are the terms that punctuated the commitments made.

At the end of the celebration, Fathers Gustot Lucien and Rubens Sylvain - our Scalabrinian neighbors - proceeded to the blessing of the formation house. After the table of the Word, the table of the Eucharist, comes the table of conviviality, of friendship. Then it was time to leave. But **here we are, well launched on this path, this road**, which welcomes our steps, to live once again this adventure in faith.



THE PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF SR JENNIFER CORTEZ

In collaboration,
Sr Francine Gauthier,
Srs Rita Denommée, Linda
Joseph and Claudette Lapalme

Blessed be our Wisdom God whose light guides us on the path of Life!

"Since she was a child, Jennifer wanted to become a religious," confided

Mrs. Cortez after the perpetual engagement of her daughter, on February 2, 2022. To realize this dream, Sr. Jennifer faced numerous challenges and travelled more than one continent. It took a strong dose of trust in Providence and a relentless perseverance on this journey of faith.

Her encounter with a Daughter of Wisdom rekindled her desire to consecrate her life and respond to God's call

call by joining the congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom. Thus began her initiation into religious life: pre-novitiate in Canada and the United States and two years of novitiate in the Philippines. After her first profession, Sr Jennifer received her obedience for the community of Blind River where she remained for five years. Then followed two years of French immersion and community living in France. Back in Canada, she was commissioned to live with the community at 7 College Circle in Ottawa. As a nurse in a seniors'

residence, **she continues to embody love without borders**, walking in the footsteps of our Founders and now sharing her life with the community at 701 Montreal Road in Ottawa.

Jennifer immigrated to Canada from the Philippines, and worked as a nurse in Toronto.

Sr. Jennifer's journey confirms once again that God writes straight on the crooked lines of her life. Her perpetual profession, scheduled for May 2021 in the chapel of Maison Accueil-Sagesse, was postponed because of the pandemic. Several scenarios followed, all undone by recurring outbreaks of COVID-19. Finally, on **February 2, 2022**, during a liturgy of the Word at the community residence, Sr. Linda Joseph, Provincial Leader, received Sr. Jennifer's perpetual vows, on behalf of Sr. Rani Kurian, Superior General. **She speaks of Sr. Jennifer's commitment in these words:**

"By dedicating your entire life and giftedness to seek, contemplate and



reveal Wisdom, by welcoming the lives and gifts of others in community, in the workplace, wherever you may be, you are in MISSION, witnessing the love of Wisdom to all."

Radiating confidence and happiness, Sr. Jennifer stands, surrounded by the Sisters of the community, her sister Lillian, and a friend. Because of the confinement measures, the ceremony is transmitted virtually by Zoom. This **international assembly** brings together family members and friends from the Philippines and the US, DW's from the Philippines, France and across Canada, to witness her final vows in the congregation. What joy we all shared with her!

Our warmest congratulations, dear Jennifer!



VOCATION STORY: DREAM AND DESIRE CAME TO REALITY

Sr Jennifer Aileen Cortez, DW

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you were born I set you apart and appoint you as a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

I had two dreams, to be a Nurse

and a Nun.

As my Mom expressed her congratulations on the celebration of my final vow, she said: "My (anak) means child, I thank God, because your dream is fulfilled, for you desired to be a nun since you were a child. True, this dream and desire never faded since I can remember. It took the form of a process of molding and maturing of my being into a unique and useful way, on collaborating and having an intimate relationship with Divine Wisdom who reserves me for a special task according to her call. Responding to this dream and vocation that echoes in my heart was not easy during my life;

it took 12 years to say YES.

It is Wisdom's call that brought me to this congregation. It is a grace and Mary's loving partnership with God to whom I responded in seeking Incarnate Wisdom: "The secret is truly wonderful because Mary became the mother, mistress and throne of Divine Wisdom." (LEW #203)

I entered the process of the initial formation in April of **2009** and made my first profession on May 19, **2013**, then made my final vows during the peak of the **Omicron pandemic**. My profession was celebrated virtually with my family, relatives, friends and Sisters of the Congregation in different countries who witnessed the simple and significant ceremony.

"Follow me!", is a profound call that echoes in my heart, and never fades out. I respond to the voice of Jesus and chose to sail in the deepest waters. These words were pronounced as part of my vows. The image that **Sr. Claudette Danis, DW**, drew, depicts my life journey.

In various ways, it speaks to me of the experiences that I have encountered during my life, in the world we live in and in religious formation. **The themes of the two last Chapters (Widen the space of your tent and Love without borders)** help me to understand my vocation, our Founders imprint on our spirituality and charism. The Gospel stories of women in the Bible that Jesus had met have deeply touched me.

Wisdom continues to challenge me to focus and reflect on what path to take and of who I am, to live my daily life.

It also gives me grace, tenacity, strength and resilience, to let go, to be humble, to forgive, to act and love deeply in my service to humanity and creation.

The lamp and the word Wisdom speak to me of the hope that our Founders lived since 1703 and which illuminated them throughout their life of faith, love, hope, audacity, tolerance and fidelity. This continues to confirm my **YES** everyday as

Wisdom navigates the choices that face me in the challenging world we live in.

My deepest gratitude to all the Sisters and communities who were part of my initial formation (internationally).

May we continue to be a light and a witness to others of Love without Borders.



HELPING IN TIMES OF NEED IN INDIA

No one would have guessed that a virus like Covid-19 would come and without differentiating, it would alter the lifestyle of people. No one knew

how long the Covid crisis would last but it has taken some time for everyone to adapt to life with Covid. **The Covid-19 impact was everywhere**, which resulted in the closure of schools and other educational institutions. It has also made a bigger gap between rich and poor with the number of people living in poverty having doubled.

Though schools were closed, students were attending their classes through various education initiatives like online classrooms and radio programs. Despite attending online classes, a number of **children suffered in their learning**, as well as their mental and physical wellbeing. The educated parents want their children to succeed academically and they made sure they had everything that they needed for their children to learn at home and they supported their children throughout the pandemic, but we need to understand that there are

some illiterate parents that felt helpless to help their children in their education during the pandemic

The majority of poor parents do not have enough money to meet their family's basic needs. There are quite a

number of poor students who didn't own the resources to attend the online classes and they suffered in their learning.

There are students in India who come to school just because they can get food. The great midday meal scheme has helped many children who couldn't bring food from home to get their nutrition.

Because of the closure of the schools, many students were suffering from not having enough food for their survival.

Many of the school children are involved in child labour to support their families. There is a fair chance that the education of female children and transgender children was affected, as their parents believe that the financial opportunity was greater if they worked rather than go to school. The pandemic has not only affected the students but also the low budget institutions and schools, resulting in many closing down.

We are committed to educating ourselves in all aspects of the new cosmology with its focus on spirituality, theology, justice and ethics. We have been engaged in the great task of educating the children of India, an independent nation with a rich and varied history, an extraordinarily complex cultural diversity with a commitment to democratic values and general well-being.

During the pandemic many people, especially vulnerable women, men, children and the elderly, deserved care, dignity and a less uncertain future irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

It was critical to reach out to these people in this time of need.

We, the Daughters of Wisdom in India, are involved in various activities and are committed to promoting and implementing **measures for the safety and wellbeing** of children, young people, and vulnerable women with



whom we work. We safeguard the welfare of all people. Many of our sisters gave value-based education to children through social work by collaborating with other religious congregations, different NGOs with diocesan schools such as **Dream India Network** with its headquarters in Bangalore.

Along with different **NGOs**, and the **Montfort Brothers**, we organised vocational training for underprivileged young girls and for girls who are illiterate we provided training such as computer, sewing, cutting and tailoring, knitting and craft.

We also taught young people to read and write for those who are illiterate.

The aim of this project is to impart education and skill development in children, the young and women so that they can be financially independent and live a life of dignity and respect.

Foster Home

Poverty and social exclusion are **driving factors** that push children out of their childhood care which they deserve. Families give up their children because they are too poor to care for them, or they feel that it is the best way to help them **to access basic services** such as education and health care. Girls, children with disabilities, ethnic minorities, children with HIV/AIDS and children born out of wedlock are victims of discrimination, neglect, physical, social and emotional violence.

The existing poor-quality of alternative care leads to the exploitation and inequality and they risk becoming further excluded from society as they grow up. In the worst cases, inadequate or unsafe care standards continue to expose them to neglect, violence and abuse.

Sponsorship for Education

Access to education is one of the



fundamental rights of every child which should be delivered in a conducive and safe learning environment. With the introduction of Universal Primary Education (UPE) primary and secondary school enrolments for both girls and boys **has improved substantially**. However together with the team we are helping thousands of children who were either out of school or are drop-outs and mostly, they belong to marginalized and vulnerable families and communities.

Ambassadors for Change

The **Ambassadors for Change Program** brings together students and adult mentors from across the globe to promote mutual understanding, increase leadership skills, and prepare them **to make a difference in their communities and in the society at large**. Some of our sisters are part of this initiative. The sisters participated in many meetings, workshops, community service activities, interactive training, visits to schools and families to propagate the vision

and mission of JPIC and build up **more partnerships for the protection of children and adults from the marginalized and vulnerable communities**.



Celebrating life as the gift of God



Through TAILORIGN AND KNEETING they are able to support the family financially

EVERYDAY IS A MOTHER EARTH DAY

Tony Galon,
The JPIC International
Committee,

Let us “Walk the Talk”

It has been a while since I started investing my time to become a catalyst for a greener future for my children and the rest of the children in the whole planet. After the death of my father (2008), I started running and, almost every day, **I saw the environment outside and the litter, especially the plastics.** I keep on asking myself why such materials are with us along the road, canals, rivers, and ocean. From that time, I did not see any improvement and most of the people just do not care about what they are doing with the plastic litter.

Course Basura



As a runner and organizer, with some followers, I started the “Basura (garbage) Run” in July 2013 in Minglanilla Cebu. **We started with few fellow runners:** my wife, children and 3 of my fellow runners who are in the same town. We ran around the public oval of Minglanilla Cebu and collected 4 sacks of plastic trash.

We tried to propose our ideas and the intention to make this advocacy supported by the local government

as I can see it as a potential community effort that needs to be expanded to different barangays in the town of Minglanilla and even beyond to the different towns/cities around the Philippines. However, the meeting was not successful and we just continued the idea as our own. **Fast forward year 2020, the Basura Run reached its peak and has already 67 chapters around the Philippines, featured in TV programs.**

Five pieces daily habit



January 1st, **2015**, I started researching about plastic, how it started, how it is produced and its effects on our environments and on the future.

Then I started the advocacy called **“5 pieces daily habit”**, picking up 5 pieces of plastics every day and posting my action on my Facebook wall and my other social media account, Instagram, and Twitter. This is my personal journey as an anti-plastic advocate. **As of this writing, I already picked up almost 14,000 pieces of plastic litters**

Tumbler of Hope



Exposure to daily routine on the road as a runner and seeing people getting drinking water in thin plastics from the ATM (Automatic Tubig (water) made me think of an idea how to go around this good innovation into a sustainable and environmentally friendly action. Adult people are

known for being hardheaded due to the ego and the children being the future, I created in January 1, 2019, **“Tumbler of Hope”**.

The concept is to provide a short education for each child I meet along the road after letting him/her pick up 5 pieces of plastic litter in exchange of a gifts :

a tumbler for 5 plastic litters collected.

It is also a yearly event, in Christmas season, when we climb to mountain barangays (villages) and distribute tumblers with foodstuff to the children we meet along the way with the same concept of educating and picking up plastic litter. **These ideas were supported by different people on social media** especially our friends in running community even up to one of my friend in America.

Since January 27, 2018 (My first talk about environment), I am called to different schools, universities, companies, and organizations to share a talk for saving mother earth thru my advocacy.

Sikad Pukaw (Si.Puk.) Pedaling Awakening

With the desire to be efficient both with my time for advocacy and my family, **I was thinking to have a bicycle for me to go and talk and**

come back home as fast as possible. I posted my plan on my wall and got a message from my follower in Singapore who offered me to sponsor the bicycle. Then another friend gave his mountain bike for only the amount of money I had. It was not on the plan to use this bicycle for another extraordinary event except for short distances in sharing my talks...



The advocacy of Si. Puk or Sikad Pukaw is linked with the **5pcs Daily Habit** core group. I am pursuing to send the message that we need to do something for a better future for our children thru avoidance and education about Single-Use Plastic.

Project Toilet

Overnight camping was for my wife and I our way of weekly bonding. We explored many mountain peaks inside and outside of Cebu.

Most of the people, who are living in the mountain community, do not have any toilets

and only depend on the bushes when nature's call arrives. The absence of toilets is very risky for children and women, during those times when it is already dark, those times when it is raining, and those times of typhoons.

We started talking to a small community in the Barangay about how their trash is anywhere and **the need to do some action for them to be tidy and healthy**, plus the fact that Barangay services on solid waste cannot reach them. We made a deal together to use the toilet as an exchange for **their effort to be educated about plastics**, always tidy their places, bring some of their plastic trash to Barangay hall when they are going to towns or for work, and last but not the least to educate their children about the use of plastics. Thus, **“Project Toilet”** was born.

We started our first project in Minglanilla town. A small community, Sitio Paginpinon, Barangay Mandauang, composed of 13 houses was our first beneficiaries. Four toilets were shared between 3 or 4 families. The next month, we started the **6 toilets** in Sitio Butong, Barangay Balirong in the City of Naga, Cebu.

Right now, we have **10 project** toilets and we initially have a discussion with a community in Bato, Toledo City

before the typhoons Odette came in. We expect to continue this project soon. This project is assisted mainly by **Inday's Kitchen** and some of the few people I know online.



I may not be the best person to say that I save Mother-Earth, but at least I am doing something for her...

I invest in caring for our planet thru this journey until now. **Seeing people imitating my action in saving Mother Earth has a big impact on me.** The journey just started and evolved into other applications like the Basura (garbage) Run, Tumbler of Hope, Sikad.Pukaw (Si.Puk), means Pedaling Awakening and Project Toilet. Cycling became my passion. Now, I am in touch with more groups and helping people through the different advocacies I founded.

Tony Galon is an environmentalist advocate. He is our resource speaker in giving formation to our scholars and parents. His passion to care for Mother Earth and his advocacies for environment continue to inspire and reached out many people not only in the

Philippines but also across the globe.

Sœur Malou Santos, DW



Nomination of Entity Concils

Since January, two new Entity Councils have been appointed:

Delegation of Maria Luisa :

Delegation Leader:

Sr Elizabeth Dolores Siches Goicochea

Councillors:

Sr Rosa Amelia Canicoba Liza

Sr Silvia Haideé Parra Granda

Sr María Cristina Tucto Vilcañaupa

Canada :

Provincial Superior :

Sr Jocelyne Fallu

Councillors:

Sr Anne-Marie Beaudoin

Sr Carmelle Dugas

Sr Francine Gauthier

We wish them a successful mission

IN MEMORIAM

"I know in whom I have put my hope..."

Filles de la Sagesse

Naissance Profession

Décembre 2021

28	Sr Marie-Josèphe Perrin Hélène-Marie de la Paix	Maison Sainte Monique Paris	11-12-29	02-02-63
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Janvier 2022

18	Sr Anne-Marguerite Ambroisine Cadoret	La Chartreuse - M.L. Trichet France	29-05-15	02-02-39
18	Sr Marie Stella Bernier Jude de l'Immaculée	Montréal Canada	19-01-37	02-02-58
20	Sr Candide Morin Léon du St-Sacrement	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	17-04-25	02-02-46
21	Sr Marie-Anna St-Laurent Arthur du Calvaire	Montréal Canada	17-01-26	02-08-46
24	Sr Marie-Madeleine Daguzé Ghislaine-Marie de la Sagesse	La Châtaigneraie France	29-10-32	02-02-57
26	Sr Anne-Marie Le Port Anne-Marie de Jésus-Hostie	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	01-04-25	02-08-50
29	Sr Mary Michael Norah Mary Galbraith	Lytham St. Anne's England	10-07-33	02-08-53

Février 2022

03	Sr Bernice Gibson Cécile de la Purification	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	05-02-28	02-08-46
08	Sr Teresa Bertilla dell'Eucaristia Ferraro Angela	Castiglione Italie	11-07-31	02-02-52
15	Sr Theodora Beenakker Theodora van het Kruis	Wijchen Hollande	10-09-27	02-02-52
28	Sr Mercedes del Pilar Elvira Rosa Pineda Martínez	Enfermería María Luisa Bogotá	28-05-41	02-08-62
28	Sr Bénigne Lord Bénigne-Marie	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	18-07-32	02-02-49

Mars 2022

04	Sr Monique Michaud Rolande de l'Assomption	Maison Accueil-Sagesse Ottawa	12-04-31	02-02-51
04	Sr M. Bernadette of The Sacred Heart Winifred McAnelly	Marie Louise House-Romsey England	21-05-37	02-08-60
09	Sr Marie-Bernadette Simier Yves de Notre-Dame	La Chartreuse - M.L. Trichet France	14-02-28	02-02-55
20	Sr Bernadette-Marie de l'Eucharistie Bernadette Letellier	N.D. de la Sagesse St Laurent	19-02-29	02-08-51
28	Sr Camille Solis	Sound Beach New York	20-10-46	07-10-2000

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02	Sr Angela dell'Immacolata Marella Teodora	Castiglione Italie	06-08-30	02-08-52
05	Sr Brigitte Michaud Monique de l'Assomption	Sherbrooke Montréal	12-04-31	02-02-51
08	Sr Marcelle Prigent Marie-Françoise du Christ Roi	Notre Dame de la Paix St Laurent	31-01-28	02-08-48

Compagnie de Marie**Janvier 2022**

06	P. Anthime Caron	Lisbourg France	90 ans	71 ans
19	P. Hubert Kleijckers	Valkenburg a/d Geul Pays-Bas	86 ans	66 ans
21	P. Noël Collaud	La Hillière, Thouaré sur Loire France	87 ans	64 ans

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25	Mgr Gérard-Joseph Deschamps	Ste Dorothée, Laval Canada	92 ans	73 ans
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Mars 2022

06	P. Gilberto Magni	Bari Italie	75 ans	58 ans
17	P. John Mary Ahimbisibwe	Mbarara Ouganda	61 ans	25 ans
28	P. Ignacio Beltrán Cruz	Bogotá Colombie	93 ans	70 ans

Frères de St-Gabriel**Janvier 2022**

06	F. Arul Amal Soosaiah	Binangonan, Rizal Philippines	46 ans	22 ans
18	F. Roland Jacob	Laval Canada	103 ans	86 ans

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02	F. Louis-Marie Barré	Thouaré sur Loire France	90 ans	71 ans
15	F. K. M. Thomas	Tindivanam Inde	77 ans	55 ans
22	F. Eugène Archambaud	Ile d'Yeu France	86 ans	67 ans

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01	F. Yves Donnart	Thouaré-sur-Loire France	91 ans	72 ans
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