



September 9, 2022

SR. MARY OF PEACE AMADOR, RJM



Entrance into Life
September 18, 1930

Entrance into Professed Life
July 1, 1950

Entrance into Eternal Life
August 12, 2022



REMEMBERING SR. MARY OF PEACE AMADOR



After Sr. Mary of Peace's burial ceremony in late August, some of the RJMs enjoyed an outdoor lunch at Kay's in Woonsocket, R.I. Connie, Mary of Peace's sister from Oklahoma City, was with us.

Care of Creation Committee



Did You Know...

A Message from Oceana <https://oceana.org/>

Recently, the Biden administration announced a series of actions to protect our oceans. One of which was the phaseout of single-use plastics in national parks and other public lands. Oceana applauds President Biden and the U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland for recognizing the devastating impact single-use plastics have on our planet and taking meaningful action to protect our oceans and national parks.



- Submitted by Srs. Diane Dube, RJM and Doris Bissonnette, RJM

JPIC Committee Anti-Racism Project



Check out: "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America".

We invite you to take time to watch this new, powerful look at *RACISM* in the USA. In addition to its availability on Netflix, it can be found on most streaming platforms.

WELCOME TO POSTULANT MARIE-JO DESIR!

With a simple prayer service, the Gros Morne Community welcomed Marie-Jo Desir as a postulant on September 8.

Marie-Jo (shown on right in the community chapel) had sought out the Religious of Jesus and Mary after reading a biography of Claudine, whose story of loss, forgiveness and service spoke powerfully to her.

After moving to Gros Morne and meeting regularly with Sr. Jacqueline Picard, Marie-Jo was invited to join the Kay Jezi Mari community, where she has participated in ministry to the children and youth.



This initial period of discernment culminated in the approval of her request to begin postulancy, and reception on the feast of Our Lady. Postulancy will take place in Gros Morne, with Sr. Jackie serving as director.

The Kay Jezi Mari community is shown on the left: Sr. Jackie Picard, RJM, Marie-Jo Desir, Srs. Pat Dillon, RJM and Middia Doute, RJM.

Below is the heading for the Prayer Service that inaugurated Marie-Jo's postulancy.



Sevis Lapriyè pou akeyi Marie-Jo Desir kòn Postulante

Provens USA-Haiti Relijyèz Jezi-Mari

8 sektanm 2022

Gros Morne, HAITI

[Prayer Service to Welcome Marie-Jo Desir as a Postulant
USA-Haiti Province, September 8, 2022]

Chan Antre: BONDYE AP RELE M [Entrance Song: God is Calling Me]

Benediksyon Bondye avèk ou, Mari-Jo!

PORT-AU-PRINCE COMMUNITY NEWS

At the end of September, Elizabeth Cornejo Carpio, RJM will arrive to join our RJM sisters in Port-au-Prince. Here is Liz, in her own words:



My name is Elizabeth Cornejo Carpio, but they call me Liz. I was born in Lima on December 9, 1972. I am 49 years old. My father, thank God, is alive. My mother, Elizabeth Carpio, passed away at the age of 47. I am the fourth of five siblings (Pedro, Lourdes, Gustavo and Harold). Two of them are married and have children.

I studied primary education in a Carmelite school. My mother and the school shaped my faith. At the age of 12, I began to participate in my parish -- first in a group of adolescents, then in a youth group called EJE, as a children's catechist, in the choir, and also as a youth catechist. I met the Religious of Jesus Mary in my parish. I entered the Congregation in 2006 and made my first vows on August 23, 2009.

I have carried out my apostolate at La Sagrada Familia – Fe y Alegría school, in the city of Tingo María, in the jungle of Peru. This community was closed in 2013. I also ministered at Cardinal Cushing College, in the city of Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

From 2011 until this year, I taught secondary school in the area of Religious Education at San Martincito de Porres school, where I have also carried out my apostolate in educational ministry. There are currently two communities in Peru, one in the city of Lima and the other in the city of Arequipa. In both communities, there are 4 nuns - 6 Peruvians and two Canadians.


Since I was young, I have had the desire for mission work in my heart. Today I feel happy and grateful for the opportunity that the Congregation gives me to share life and mission in Haiti. I entrust myself to the Lord and to his prayers to make Him known and loved wherever He sends me.

Welcome, Liz! Bienvenida, Liz

GENERALATE ANNOUNCEMENT

In case you missed the announcement emailed previously, the Generalate has announced that the Maison Claudine Thevenet community in Port-au-Prince, Haiti will again form part of the USA-Haiti province. For a number of years, it has been designated an "international project" of the Generalate.

SEASON OF CREATION – September 1 -October 4



Dear sister, dear friend in Jesus-Mary,

We meet here to celebrate **the Season of Creation**. *The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home.*

This year we will unite around the theme, “Listen to the Voice of Creation”, illuminated by the biblical text of Exodus 3, 1-12.

As a large Jesus-Mary Family, we want to open ourselves to listen to the cry of creation and grow in an ecological spirituality.

The proposal we want to make to ourselves as a family is to exercise our senses to open ourselves to contemplation so that it teaches us to look at Creation as God looks at it.


Each week we will receive an invitation to contemplate from one of the senses... hearing, sight, smell, taste and touch. Cf.EE 121.238.247.

It will be about perceiving, feeling, tasting... without rushing, without judgement, without pretending to obtain anything.

With this practice, we evangelise our way of perceiving and therefore our way of living.

May Saint Claudine help us to grow in the intimate knowledge of the working goodness of God and in allowing ourselves to be moved by the miseries of our time. Cf. C3

International JPIC JM team



An international group of RJM has created materials help us contemplate creation during the Season of Creation - September 1 through October 4.

Each week you will receive an exercise. The Week 1 exercise is attached to the Bridges email.

In addition, the Laudato Si Platform has a webinar for women and men religious that will be held on **September 13th at 9am EST**, entitled, “Listen to the Voice of Creation”. For more information and to register, go to: <https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/>

VIDEO ON POPE'S ENCYCLICAL



POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Vatican has released a video on the Pope's Encyclical, that you may enjoy. The short video is can be viewed on YouTube by clicking: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXA5_juFgDg

Congratulations are in order

to our Sisters Eucharis, RJM and Marie Faustine, RJM, newly final professed, of the Delegation of Africa



...and to the seven postulants admitted to the Novitiate in the Province of Pakistan!



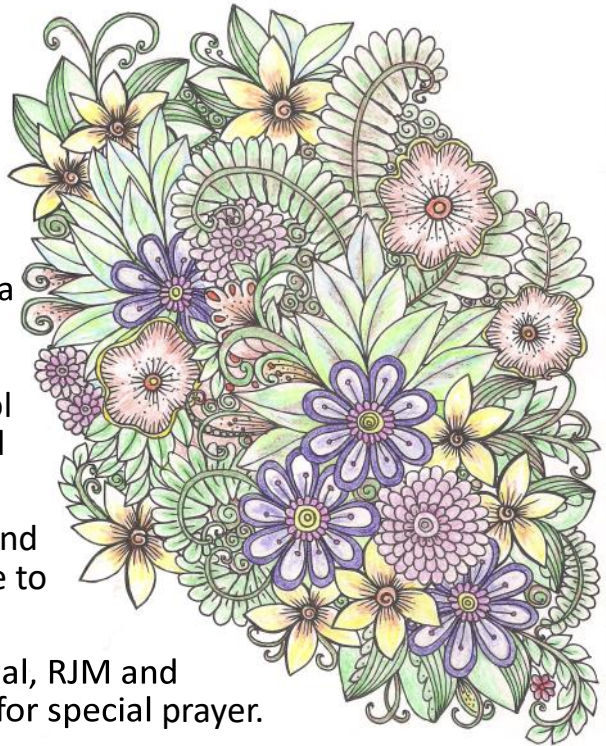
REMEMBERING SR. ISA SOLA, RJM



September 2nd marked the 6th anniversary of the 2016 murder of Sr. Isa Sola, RJM in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Here is Sr. Isa with Leide Philoclés. Sr. Isa remains in our hearts and thoughts.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- Sr. Loretta Knapp, RJM as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on September 8th;
- Tom Stegman, SJ, aged 59, a dear friend of our sisters and frequent presider at our jubilee celebrations. In the past three years, Tom had several surgeries and treatments for glioblastoma (an aggressive brain cancer). He is now at Campion Center, Weston, MA. Last spring, Tom completed a six-year term as Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, and resigned in June of this year;
- The safety and security of the people of Haiti, and for God's blessings on all the efforts being made to bring peace and justice to this island nation;
- Maison Claudine Thevenet (Srs. Rosario Fumanal, RJM and Farzana Philip, RJM) as this week's community for special prayer.



**WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE NEEDS
OF OUR RJM SISTERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

Sr. LINA LAVOIE, RJM,
July 2016

Note: Before the summer break, we were printing a list of "Continuing Prayers" and keeping the names of individuals in the section for a month. Please feel free to re-submit the names of individuals for whom you'd like continued prayer.

<https://rjmusa.org>

Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary