



October 14, 2022

TRANSITION in PROVINCE LEADERSHIP



The members of the USA-Haiti Province gathered via Zoom on October 9th to express gratitude to the outgoing leadership team members and welcome those appointed to serve for the coming four years. In a *Ritual of Transition*, outgoing Provincial Superior Sr. Margaret Perron; Secretary Sr. Rita Ricker; and Treasurer, Sr. Anne Magner were presented with gifts and expressions of gratitude for their service.

Sr. Mary Bourdon, the incoming province leader, was thanked for her four years as a councilor, and, together with her new team (Srs. Patricia Brito, Rose Kelly, Rosemary Mangan, Rosemary Nicholson and Janet Stolba), she was offered a blessing.

No Zoom is complete without a glitch or two, and Sunday's virtual gathering was no exception. A recording of the ritual will be available for those few sisters who were unable to connect. The occasional bumps in the process did nothing to lessons the overall message coming from Haiti, New England, California, New York and Maryland/DC: *thanks for what has been; blessings on what is to come!*

We hope to have a video of the ceremony for you next week and a copy of the ritual is attached to the email accompanying Bridges.

PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The first meeting of the newly-installed Province Leadership Team was held via Zoom on October 13th. The team will meet again on Saturday, October 15th, and will soon be communicating with province members on their initial decisions concerning how they plan to carry out their ministry together.



Care of Creation Committee



Did You Know...

A message from Greenpeace: www.greenpeaceusa.org

Imagine living on a remote island, 6,000 miles from the U.S., and finding plastic waste washing up on your shores, along with dead wildlife choked or killed by plastic. It's not right, it's not fair, and it has to end. It's time to hold corporations accountable for THEIR plastic mess!

But plastic is harming people, too. Around the world, people who live on some of the most remote islands in the world — who don't use a lot of plastic, and who may rely on the oceans for their livelihood — are finding huge amounts of plastics washing up on the beach.

There's something terribly wrong when companies like Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Nestlé, and Unilever, can make single-use products in throwaway plastic packages — made out of fossil fuels no less — and not have to pay for the damage this causes to people and the planet.

Countries are coming together to work on a global plastic treaty. They are also taking action to ban or reduce plastics through local action and advocacy. This is the power of people! Let's use it!



A message from Creation Justice Ministries: www.creationjustice.org

Environmental Justice is Racial Justice **Thursday, October 20, 1:30pm EST**

Environmental Justice is the intersection of Creation Justice and Racial Justice. Across our country and our world, communities of color are impacted first and worst by pollution and climate-driven disasters, and among the strongest advocates for change. Learn how your faith community can stand with them.

This Zoom event is free, but donations are appreciated. Register Here at: <https://secure.everyaction.com/VyJ0qNxs8UGCpve7-T1CFw2>

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

REMINDER - Register for Becoming a Synodal Church

The Synod on Synodality is a transformative process in which all the baptized are protagonists and discern together the calls of the Holy Spirit, uniting as a listening Church of participation and co-responsibility. As the diocesan/national stage of the Synod 2021-2023 has raised the voices of the People of God and the current continental stage is to deepen the fruits of this listening, join us as **Sr. Nathalie Becquart, XMCJ**, Undersecretary for the General Secretariat of the Synod, echoes issues and challenges faced by the local churches to implement synodality while proposing a theological reflection on the synodal process.

Boston College School of Theology and Ministry will host this free lecture as a webinar on:

Thursday, October 27
5:30 - 7pm EST
FREE

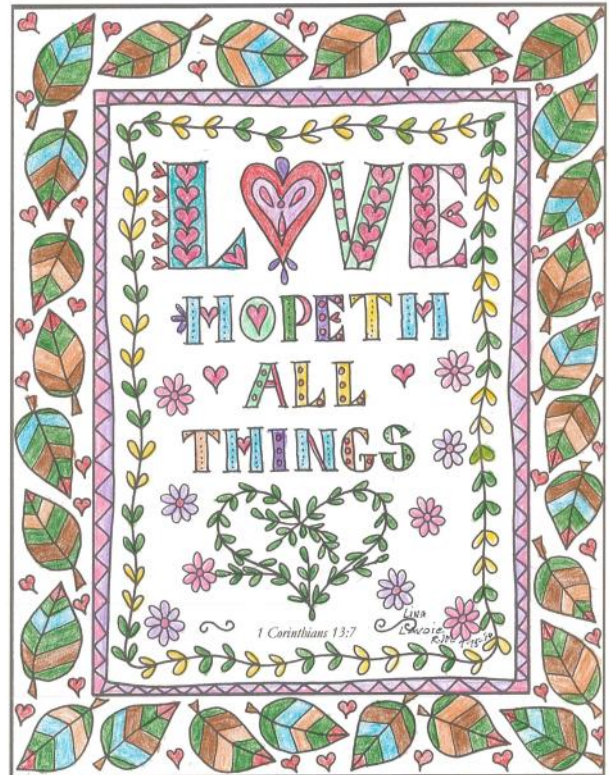
To register, go to: https://events.bc.edu/event/becoming_a_synodal_church_issues_and_challenges#.Yy22hNfMKUK



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- 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;
- Continuing Prayers: Sr. Claire Dandeneau, RJM;
- College Park Community (Srs. Anne Magner, RJM, Rita Ricker, RJM, and Janet Stolba, RJM) as this week's community for special prayer.

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



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Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary