



November 17, 2023

SR. BERNADETTE BÉRARD, RJM



Entrance into Life
April 16, 1930

Entrance into Professed Life
August 11, 1953

Entrance into Eternal Life
November 14, 2023



Funeral Service arrangements for Sr. Bernadette are as follows:

Tuesday, November 21st, at 10:30am

St. Martha's Church in Plainville
227 South St., Plainville, MA 02762

After which we will proceed to St. Jean Baptiste Cemetery in Bellingham.

All are invited to return to St. Martha's Hall for the luncheon that will follow.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOVED IN LIFE...

In this month of November, the USA-Haiti Province website is remembering some of our deceased sisters.

Check www.rjmusa.org for commemorations of **Sr. Agnes Delgado**, who served in the West; **Sr. Conrad Normandin**, who succeeded M. St. Vincent Ferrer as Provincial in 1955; **Sr. Camillus Mannion**, who left Ireland to minister in Kingsbridge for decades, and **Sr. Lorraine Richard**, a native of Woonsocket, who taught at Regina, and went from there to El Paso.

If you have family or friends who might remember and enjoy reading about these sisters, invite them to the website.



ALL SAINTS DAY - St. Frances de Chantal, Bronx, NY



Our students studied the saints, then researched and presented their projects at the parish mass for All Saints Day on November 1.

These are photos of just some of our students dressed as saints.

On the right, I'm standing with St. Claudine Thevenet (4th grader Maleina).

Below are the 3rd graders with their teacher Mrs. Kespert and Msgr. Graham.

- Sr. Pat Brito, Principal



MEXICO MISSION VISIT - San Diego, CA

It was great having Sr. Celina Segovia, RIM from the México-Cuba Province and two of their former students staying with us. They are interested in having a Holy Week Mission here at our house.

We visited with Sr. Mary Waskowiak at Our Lady of Guadalupe where she started Casa de Misericordia to work with the illegals and poor in Barrio Logan. Celina and girls were very moved when we went to a location housing transient migrants who seek work during the day, prior to their departure to their sponsors. It was a deep experience of encountering what the migrants are going through plus seeing the volunteers who prepare the 2 meals a day for them, sort through clothing donations to assist them, where people from the neighborhood go for *English as a Second Language*, meet with pro-bono lawyers, and get health care one day a week. They also heard of the need to spend time with the marginalized listening, being a spiritual presence - which is what we do at the migrant shelter.

On Saturday and Sunday, we went to the border wall about 5 minutes from our house to speak with the volunteers sorting donations, preparing meals for the migrants, speaking and praying with the migrants, to learn about what goes on at this location. Baptist Pastor Seth David Clark had contacted me saying he would be having Border Church there on Sunday at 1:00 pm. This too impressed our guests who helped us unload the blankets and tarps we brought for the migrants there, as rain is predicted for the next few nights.



Online *creative commons* photo said to have been taken in or near San Diego

Celina and the girls would like to have a Holy Week Mission at both locations. They are making plans as to what activities they will do. They want to have 8 high school girls and 2 adults. Ana Paula is a teacher at this high school and she and her principal would accompany the group. They want to stay in our outside room where they could live like the migrants they are serving – sleep on the floor in sleeping bags, cook out there, eat together there, use the outside bathroom in our patio and only come into the house to take a shower. Our

outside room, the outside grill where they can use our Colman equipment for cooking, a microwave from the Joan of Arc Residence on the inside of that room, the small fridge we have out there from JOA will meet their needs/desire to live poor like they do in the mission experiences they have in Mexico. Ana Paula will come a couple of days before the youth to help set up the room and get supplies.

It was a very good encounter together this weekend, with energy, enthusiasm and a great depth of sharing.

- Sr. Rosie Nicholson

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT

The Angélique community in Fourvière has sent us resources for Advent reflection and prayer.

Attached to this issue of BRIDGES you will find material for the 1st Sunday. It draws upon the talk presented by **Sr. Mary Bourdon** at last summer's meeting on Shared Mission in Mexico City, as well as some writings of Pope Francis.

Suggestions for subsequent weeks will follow.



HOLIDAY PHOTOS

As you take Thanksgiving photos, Molly would appreciate receiving photos of:



- ❖ **Headshots of 2024 Jubilarians:** Srs. Rosemary Mangan, Pat Ryerse, Kathleen Scanlon, Martha Torres, Mary Crépeau, Natalia Mejía, Mariam Norick, Helen Scarry and Lucie Jusseume.
- ❖ **A photo of your community's creche**

2023 ADVENT REFLECTION GUIDE

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has published a [2023 Advent Reflection Guide](#) which is available online by clicking the link, or a printed copy is attached to Bridges

They invite you to join them this Advent to pray, study, and act to prepare the way for Christ in the stranger's guise. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 3.

The Advent Reflection Guide includes reflection on the weekly Scripture readings by Maryknoll missionaries, along with prayers, examples of Maryknoll missionary experiences, and suggested steps for "faith in action." They hope this guide helps individuals and communities reflect on how they can prepare their hearts to receive the hope of the Christ child this Christmas.

The Spanish translation of the guide is coming soon.



PROVINCE OFFICE

November 21 Rosemary in Plainville, MA

November 23-24 Provincial Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

December 1 Next Bridges published (articles due by Wednesday 11/29 at noon)

MESSAGE FROM SR. THERESE PICARD

Thank you for your prayers for my brother-in-law Clint Brogan.

After a week of slowly being semi-conscious, then a day or two of responding more and more, this past Tuesday he woke up totally himself. As of Wednesday, Clint is walking and looking forward to returning home. He and my sister, Marie, his wife, are so grateful for the prayers.

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PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...

- Claire Ethier, sister of Sr. Pauline Ayotte, whose spirits have been low after moving to rehab to continue treatment of a very serious infection;
- The repose of the soul of Alain Authier, nephew of Sr. Michelle Authier, who died suddenly at age 54. We also pray for the comfort of his family and loved ones;
- Colleen Pusateri, the daughter of Haiti Mission supporter Lorrie Kenney, who greatly appreciates continued prayers. Colleen is now on dialysis and doing somewhat better as she hopes for a kidney transplant early in the new year;
- Continuing Prayers: Jennifer Morse-Meisenkothen, niece of Sr. Teresita Morse;
- Comunidad Fernando El Católico (Sr. Middia Doute) and Comunidad Colegio Mayor (Sr. Brittany Galvin), as this week's communities for special prayer.



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

Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary