

# BRIDGES



December 15, 2023

## CELEBRATING ADVENT - in our communities



13th Street Community  
Washington, DC



Ellison Community  
Yonkers, NY



La Casa de Esperanza  
San Diego, CA



Kay Klodin Community  
Jean Rabel, Haiti



St. Timothy Mission Center  
Warwick, RI



Marillac Residence  
Wellesley Hills, MA



Kay Jezi Mari  
Gros Morne, Haiti



University Park Community  
University Park, MD

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## **WARM COATS FOR MIGRANTS - San Diego, CA**

Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus just sent 12 more warm jackets for the migrants waiting and sleeping in the dirt at the border wall, 5 minutes from our house and in the desert.

Sr. Sandra Salazar and I gave a little relief to the volunteer stationed here this morning.

Several of the sisters in our Diocese will be joining us at the Posada at the wall on Saturday.

- Sr. Rosie Nicholson



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## **MEETING IN HAITI**

Our sisters in Haiti will be gathering for a meeting in Cap Haitien from December 28<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Srs. Mary Bourdon and Rosemary Mangan will join them for days of conversation and reflection on experience of the past 25 years, and discernment on the way forward. Fr. Emilio Travieso, SJ has been working with us to plan the meeting, and will be facilitating it. Keep this in your prayers, and you'll be hearing more about it!



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## **ADVOCACY FOR HAITI**

With the world's attention drawn to the violence in the Middle East and Ukraine, we may be less focused on the instability and danger that continues to affect the people of Haiti. Please read the two attachments to this issue of BRIDGES.

They include a message from the Quixote Center, which supports and partners with our ministry in Gros Morne, and offers concrete steps toward greater peace and security. If you agree with these suggestions, pass them on to your representatives and senators.

Thanks, Sr. Rosemary



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## In Claudine's Footsteps



On December 2 we traveled to the City of Lyon, France, to live our Roots, the Charism of our Congregation. This is part of the International Juniorate Program, everyday rereading the story of our Foundress, the Positio and relevant Documents about the Congregation's history following her footprints from her childhood to her death, visiting and delving into the significant places that touch our history as a Congregation. Sisters Luz Guede, rjm and Mari Puy, rjm have accompanied us in this process.

We began visiting the Christianity roots in the Church of St. Irenaeus and then the following day in St Nizier we said a prayer remembering our baptism, feeling like women of the dawn, being part of the Church, to respond to the needs of our time.



San Nizier

"Gather in community," those were the words that Claudina heard from Father Coindre, making her fall to her knees, but prompting her to sow the seed of the Congregation, walking alongside other women who shared the same desire to live evangelical values. Later, we also walk along the roads where the brothers of St. Claudine were killed.



During the festival of lights, prior to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we were supporting the Basilica of Fourvière, opening our house and Chapel to receive pilgrims, making Claudine known. We also had privilege to visit the Museum of St. Claudine.



We had a space to share about our Provinces with the communities of Lyon. It was a very enriching and hopeful space. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may this time be an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with that Jesus who is humble to be with us.

Middia Doute , rjm

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## **TOM CREELY VISITS SR. MARIAM NORICK**

Tom Creely, a friend of Sr. Farzana Philip, RJM, came to visit Sr. Mariam last Saturday. He brought flowers and genuine French pastries. The conversation was pleasant and interesting. He's an ethics educator for the Navy.

After the visit, Mr. Creely wrote to Sr. Mariam saying:

***Thank you for the opportunity to visit with you.***

***It was a joy to have to be in your presence and learn of your ministries. You are in my prayers.***

***Peace, Tom.***



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## **HOLIDAY PHOTOS**



As you take Christmas photos, Molly would appreciate receiving:

- ❖ **Headshots of 2024 Jubilarians are still needed:** Srs. Martha Torres, Rosemary Mangan, Mary Crépeau, and Natalia Mejía.
- ❖ **A photo of your community's creche for the January 5th Bridges.**

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WITH JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

January 27 Helen Scarry, RJM



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## **RESOURCES FOR ADVENT**

Attached to the Bridges email, are materials for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, sent to us by the Angélique community in Fourvière. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday materials will be emailed to you next week.





The Association of the Family of Jesus and Mary  
invites you to pray together  
the

## Joyful mysteries of the Rosary for PEACE



**3pm Rome time  
9am East Coast  
6am West Coast**

We join together in prayer,  
from different parts of the world,  
members of the AFJM, Sisters and friends of JM,  
to pray for peace  
and prepare together to welcome God with us.

<https://youtu.be/DxVuZvzYOFE>

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## **PROVINCE OFFICE**

- December 22(1 pm) - 26 Office closed for Christmas holiday  
December 28 - January 3 Mary and Rosemary in Haiti  
January 1 Office closed for New Year's holiday  
January 5 Next Bridges published  
(articles due by Wednesday 1/3 at noon)

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## **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...**

- Sr. Claudette Lapointe who is currently receiving therapy at Kent Regency Rehab:  
Kent Regency Rehab, Room E3  
660 Commonwealth Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02886
- Sr. Mariam Norick, who is receiving therapy at Sunny View Nursing Home:  
Sunny View Nursing Home, Room 103B  
83 Corona Street  
Warwick, RI 02886
- The repose of the soul of Serge Boudreault, the brother-in-law of Sr. Doris Bissonnette, and for the consolation of his wife Claire and his loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Louise Warszawski, the aunt of Sr. Doris Bissonnette, who died December 11<sup>th</sup> and for the consolation of her loved ones;
- Claire Ethier, sister of Sr. Pauline Ayotte, who has seen some improvement since moving to rehab to continue treatment of a very serious infection;
- Colleen Pusateri, daughter of Haiti Mission supporter Lorrie Kenney, who 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, who is slowly adjusting and gain strength after chemo and surgery, as well as for Jennifer's husband and two teenage children;
- Kay Klodin (Srs. Curin García Calvo, Valle Chías González-Blanch and Rose Kelly), 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**