



ALL-TO-ALL

THAT ALL MAY BE ONE

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AFRICA SISTERS GETTING READY FOR JULY ASSEMBLY 2023

Last November 18-20, twenty nine sisters from Kenya and Tanzania gathered in Consolata Mission Centre in Dar es Salaam Tanzania with the theme "UNITY IN DIVERSITY." In one of the sessions, the small groups shared on this question: **How do you see SFCC in the next 5 years? The following are the reports from each group.**

"SFCC will have grown and recognized more in the Church. Pastors, Bishops and local church will accept SFCC as they will be more involved in the activities of the Church. Therefore, the number of Sisters and their services will increase. Many people- Christians and non-Christians will experience and benefit from our services.

SFCC will be known by the communities and will be recognized by their presence as yeast in the community. In the different parts of the world, SFCC will have representatives to carry out their ministries.

SFCC will spread and grow and will take over the traditional congregations. SFCC shall have retired from our present professional activities and begin new apostolates. We will be involved in the small Christian communities as true witnesses of unity and oneness in the church through our charism, "that all may be one."

In the next 5 years, we see ourselves becoming more active and engaged in various groups like Catholic women associations. We see ourselves becoming the salt of the church."

As we prepare for Assembly July 2023, we offer this question to all the regions and share on how we see SFCC in the next 5 years.

Registration Forms have started to arrive from USA, UK, Kenya, Tanzania with excitement and enthusiasm. There are 34 single rooms (\$42.00 per day including meals) and 10 double rooms \$29.00 each per day including meals) available at the Clergy Home. Non residents pay \$21.00 per day for meals.

Submitted by Virgie Azcueta

ICC Report

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR, AND EPIPHANY BLESSINGS....in the midst of life with its blessings and challenges and also with the call to build community in whatever circumstance we find ourselves.

As we enter into the next year if you wish to invite another or offer yourself in the service role of ICC please have your name in the February/March ATA so we can all pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

This year has been a blessed one for the community. We have had affiliations and affirmations in Europe, Africa, India, North America, and Philippines. At this point we have 350 plus members in 19 different countries. There is a great desire to be a religious but in a new way in our contemporary culture.

We will gather in Nairobi, Kenya and experience our community in a new context...let us keep this gift in prayer.

May we be blessed in this New Year and be a blessing in our world so much in need of healing and justice rooted in God's presence.

*Carmen Gillick
Denise Ware
Virgie Azcueta*



We are all still rejoicing over the wonderful first weekend in August during which the SFCC commitment ceremony of Dorothy Sokwo, took place in Louvain, Belgium.

Since then, there have been more SFCC Benelux get-togethers: in August in Zeeland with Permanent Affiliates, Ria Scholtes, Ineke de Vlieter, Monique de Jong, Lien de Jong and Teresa Takken (SFCC, Benelux RCC); yet, another trip at the end of August to Louvain, Belgium, where Monique de Jong and Angela Dol (Friend of SFCC), spent time with Liliane Pues & Maurits de Smet (Friends of SFCC) Lier, Belgium, and Sr. JaneMarie Okhankuele, (SFCC Inquirer), Sr Lilian Ehidiamhen (SFCC Becoming Process) and Dorothy Sokwo (SFCC). Catherine Wystrach, (SFCC Friend), Krefeld, Germany, came end of August for a week's visit as a gift for her 40th birthday. She, Lien de Jong and I spent reflective time over the meaning of the 'Vows Now', during a week filled with long walks and bike tours throughout North Holland.

In October, we again held a Benelux SFCC weekend, this time in the Netherlands, full of activities and encounters, here at the sea in Egmond aan Zee. Highlights were an Ecumenical Harvest Time church

service in the church of St Agnes, Egmond aan Zee, with 'food bank' collections for the 'new poor' in our country; a *Savitri Singers* choir and retreat day (Alkmaar); many walks and talks along the seaside, (Den Helder), sharing enthusiastically the SFCC vision and our role therein with each other.

Each of us in the Benelux Region realizes more with each day how absolutely essential our SFCC vision and mission is, daily, 'here & now' in our societies, our world! In detail we explored together the implementation of Listening (giving-ear-to; a listening heart), Loving (unconditional respect, without (pre)judgements) and Serving (dedicating all of our time and talents toward peace & reconciliation, wherever we live and work, wait, recreate, shop, travel....). As I have written before, we all continue to experience daily how these three connect, encourage and inspire us and all whom we encounter, uniting people, and, transcending any and every sort of boundary: language, age, religion, politics, culture, status, gender! As a direct result of each one of us living out the 3 charisms in our own way, we are experiencing an amazing increase of men and women of all ages--30's and 40's-- who have shown a serious interest in SFCC as a way of life for them. Lillanna Kopp, and all our inspiring sisters gone before us, would rejoice with us at this '*sudden spring*' indeed taking place!

We all greet you with warm sisterly affection, assuring you all of our thoughts, prayers and connectedness through time and space.

*Submitted by
Teresa (Teri) Takken
RCC Benelux Region*



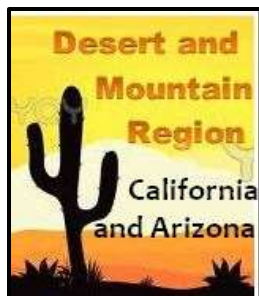
1. L-R, Teresa Takken, Lien de Jong, Lilian Ehidiamhen, Monique de Jong, Angela Dol, Dorothy Sokwo, Marianna Von Schmidt



2. Catherine Wystrach, Teresa Takken



3. Sr. JaneMarie Okhankuele, Monique de Jong, Dorothy Sokwo, Lilian Ehidiamhen



*from top left
to right: Magda
Bennasar, Fran
Campbell,
Suzanne Dunn,
Jeannette Love,
Rose Miles, Pat*

Mitchell, Pat Mullen and Carmen Notario

Suzanne Dunn, Jeannette Love, Rose Miles Pat Mitchell joined Pat Mullen in her Phoenix Arizona home November 11-13. Fran Campbell (DAM), Magda Bennasar (Spain and Carmen Notario (Spain) joined the gathering through Zoom.

Opening prayer (Seven Sacred Pauses, Velma Frye) was led by Suzanne. We followed with discussion about the “4th vow” issue that was left unresolved at the Assembly last summer.

The requirement of individual financial sustainability is the key characteristic that

sets SFCC apart from canonical traditional religious communities. All SFCC are equal in our commitment to this responsibility. Lillanna Kopp always insisted that each new member was free to word her vow commitment statement. We have never judged another for how she chose to word her statement. To place judgement or control on the wording of the commitment and vow statement would be a radical departure from Lillanna and all early SFCC’s who safeguarded the principle of self-determination even in how we state our vows and commitment as long as it is consistent with the Profile, Vision and Mission of SFCC. Presently, we are being challenged, either to reconfirm or change the long-standing freedom of expression within SFCC. Do we respect cultural difference or need? Or, do we want to set limitations on what may be voiced by a new member in her commitment/vow statement?

From here we turned to our shared spiritual reading: *In The Corner of Fourth and Nondual*. Author, Cynthia Bourgeault, is a modern-day mystic, practitioner of centering prayer, episcopal priest, theologian and internationally known retreat leader. Pat Mitchell facilitated an in-depth sharing among us regarding our relationship to centering prayer, personal peak spiritual experiences of the Divine that awakened us to the interconnection of all creation seen and unseen. This is what Bourgeault calls “seeing with the eye of the heart” that is tied to the Trinity as the fundamental principal through which all things come into being. After lunch break, Magda and Carmen left the gathering because it was 10 pm in Spain! Jeannette focused us on the social justice topic: *See No Stranger* (Valerie Kaur). In this second part of our study of Kaur’s program to reimagine a better world, we looked at the process by which we can truly love those we regard as opponents to the

world and society we desire. We identify our rage/anger in order to honor our personal anxiety, fear or trauma. We consciously listen to that rage so that we might gain the ability to see another's own trauma and rage that may be the cause of our own. Kaur believes that in listening to self enables us to openly listen to those we believe are our opponents. We must resist the urge to disconnect from those who do not think or believe or act as we do. When we open ourselves to active listening, we create the opportunity to reimagine with our "opponents" a new reality. We ended the discussion with the possibility of a new path for each of us.

Closing prayer was led by Rose Miles.

Submitted by Fran Campbell



The Florida Region planned to meet on November 12 in Melbourne, FL. We wanted to talk about Assembly 2022 and 2023. We wanted to talk about how Zoom made it possible for so many to fully participate in Assembly even when we cannot travel.

We wanted to talk about the various issues that came out of the process in the Assembly. We also realize we need to have a new ICC team that can be affirmed at the next Assembly and we need to search our own hearts and the Community Directory to see who might be called forth. That too needs to be in the All to All to be processed...so we do not come to Assembly without there being team(s) to be considered.

We knew we needed to discuss those topics at our Regionals and offer Recommendations and Proposals to the Community to bring clarity to those issues. We were grateful for the latest All to All that helped bring so much information from the Assembly

But then came Hurricane Nicole bringing challenges to many in Florida...especially not being able to travel to our Regional. Our greatest concern was that if we don't meet, being an active part of Community becomes difficult as ideas, recommendations, proposals all need to get in the All to All...so through a series of phone calls, texts and emails we attempted to share. Working together, we have two Recommendations we hope we will all consider. We will tighten it up at our next Regional and yet share it now for others to think with us.

We were pleased that several of us gathered for Marie Tougas' funeral...to honor and give gratitude for Marie and to support Avy.

We are at a crossroads...age and distance could keep us from meeting regularly enough to be active parts of community. Sharing by email, text and phone was not sufficient, but those who participated



showed how important Community is to us. We know we will meet in January and soon we'll be saying, "See you on Zoom." We take the chance you understand this because of your own creative efforts of staying connected and supporting the Community process. Grateful for each of you,
Your sisters in Florida

Submitted by Mary Steves
(More from Florida on next page)

Although attempts by the Florida region to have the fall regional were thwarted by hurricanes, Ian and Nadine, 8 of us did attend the Mass of Christian Burial for Marie Tougas. Joan Gabbin, Ita Hickey, Loretta Morgan, Avy Morse, Jean Riggs, Fran Sampson, Mary Steves, and Andrea Zbiegien gathered at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Saturday, November 19. Just before Mass Mary Steves provided a reflection on Marie's life. A full choir sang hymns, chosen by Marie. Marie would have been delighted by the number of people that filled the church representative of those she served in the parish. Among them were members of the council of Catholic women, and charismatic conference.

The pastor gave tribute to her in the most meaningful homily, and how Marie truly lived out her vows and the gospel.

Bishop John Noonan concluded with an expression of sincere appreciation with a meaningful tribute to Marie and to us, SFCC's who are presently active in the diocese of Orlando.

"Lord of the dance" was the closing hymn that sent us fourth in Marie's own up-beat manner.

Although not physically, present, the spiritual presence of our recently deceased, SFCC's was palpable. Eternal rest, grant unto them:



Marie Tougas, Josie Slabinski, Mary Sferre, Virginia Conant, Ann Duffy, Janet Holzer. May Perpetual Light shine upon them, may they smile upon us and intercede for us. Amen.

Submitted by Andrea Zbiegien, SFCC/DMin



The Great Lakes sisters met on October 22, 2022 at the home of Sisters Mary Potthast and Josphine Sincak in Wheaton, IL.

Attending were Monica Sesko, Virgie Luchsinger, Nancy Gannon, Gloria McIelwain and Angela Woodworth. Ann Marie Cunningham, Suzanne Doolin and Ken Keefner were unable to attend.

Discussion began after a prayer service while feasting on delicious Chinese food. Recalling the International Assembly in St. Louis, August 7-12, 2022, we were happy to hear a firsthand account from Nancy and Monica who attended in person. The rest of us appreciated the presentations via zoom.

At this time, we needed to hear from members on three major topics:

1. Designation of international coordinators for the next three years
2. Thought on the material shared in the last ATA, and
3. Hopes for the next Assembly in Kenya.

Several persons were mentioned for coordinators but since these sisters were not approached for availability and consent, their names are not mentioned here. Material in the ATA included the 4th Vow. Since none of us were in favor, no more was said. At the St. Louis Assembly, the sisters requested that the 4th Vow be taken off the web until it goes through the consensus process. We trust the request will be honored.

Unfortunately, none of us will be able to travel to Kenya in 2023. For those who are able, we hope for a fruitful, joyous experience. We are looking forward to viewing/sharing via zoom.

Our meeting closed with unanimous acceptance of newest member, Gloria McIelwain. It was a joyful signing of names and a big welcome to Gloria.

Departing in the early afternoon spirited on by the glorious fall colors of the trees, we returned to our homes.

We send Blessings and Love to all.

Submitted by Virgie Luchsinger



*Gloria McIelwain, Mary Potthast,
Josephine Sincak*



*Monica Sesko, Angela Woodwort,
Virgie Luchsinger, Nancy Gannon*



INTER- REGIONAL KENYA/ TANZANIA – NOV. 18-20

Affiliates arrived on Nov 17 for a one day recollection in preparation for Affirmation. Everyone arrived on Nov. 18 except for the Kenya group who suffered travel problems due to bus change and repair which took them 24 hours on the road including waiting for bus.

Columba Thadey, SFCC gave the theme presentation on “Unity in Diversity.” Other presentations by different sisters were on: “Vow of Chastity”, “Vow of Poverty”, “Vow of Obedience”, “ SFCC Participation in the Church”.

Business Meeting allowed the sisters to discern on the need of new regions in their countries due to the fast growing of membership and to have smaller groups for better relationships and journey with new inquirers in the area. New names of regions were decided by the group and one affirmed offered to serve as RCC.

In KENYA:

Lillana Region- Vivianne Akinyi, RCC
Bakhita Region – Jacqueline Kiio, RCC
St. Rita Region- Phyllis Njagi, RCC

In TANZANIA:

Dar es Salaam Region- Columba Thadey,
RCC

Furaha Region – Christina Mathias, RCC

Amani Region – Esther Bura, RCC

Commitment Liturgy took 2 hours due to the Affirmations of 13 Affiliates and Affiliation Covenant of 7 inquirers. Celebration including delicious African lunch, soda, wine and cake. Evening party was fun dancing with champagne, soda and more cakes. Everyone left by early Nov. 21. Sisters reported from their small groups sharing on “Participation in Small Christian Communities”-

- Leads the “Ibada” (paraliturgy), choir member
- Member and leader of small Christian communities, serve as treasurer and blessing of houses, give Holy Communion to the home bound, serving as Eucharistic ministers during Mass in the SCC
- Formation of new SCC in the villages
- Facilitate Faith sharing with members, Sharing the Word of God

- Teach catechism to children and youth
- Join in praying the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and encourage members about their prayer life
- Visit bereaved families, visit the sick in hospitals, the poor, those in prison, those who need spiritual help, marriage counselling
- Contribute financially and charitable work
- Organize groups for retreats/ recollections with staff at out stations
- Celebrate Christmas and Easter together as community
- Volunteer in church cleaning
- Sisters who are unable to join the SCC due to work schedule- they journey with youths and school drop outs, listen to colleagues at work, offer guidance and counselling to returnees who have been victims of human trafficking

- Submitted by Virgie Azcueta &
- Rosemary Makiya





The South Central Region of SFCC met in San Antonio, Tx for our Fall Regional Gathering October 28-30, 2022. The evening of October 28, 2022 started with dinner followed by round table introductions of all participants. Sisters in attendance were Beth Daddio, Suzanne Friedmann, Letty Gomez, Mary Iweanya, Juanita Martinez, Mary Pat Morris, Lydia Plastas, Helen Popoola, Odessa Stanford, Anne Tiemann, and Inquirer Sr. Helen Marie Akosile. Sr. Beth introduced her guest, Sr. Gabby Duran, who is on leave from the Dominican Sisters of Mexico. Each of us shared challenges in our lives, as well as interesting and amusing stories encountered while discerning the direction in which God is pointing us individually and as members of the larger community. The evening closed with communal prayer.

On October 29, 2022, Sr. Mary Pat called the meeting to order. Sr. Helen led a shared reading of Psalm 63: 2, 3 – 4, 5 – 6, 8 – 9 followed by the Gospel John 20: 1 – 2, 11 – 18, read by Sisters Helen, Beth, Letty, Suzanne, and Helen Marie. Sr. Odessa played a music selection with slides for a few minutes of quiet introspection.

Sr. Mary Pat introduced Sr. Helen Marie Akosile. She is formerly from the Sisters of St. Louis and Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel, in Nigeria. Sr. Helen Marie has been a friend of Sr. Helen for a number of years while living in Nigeria and since she moved to Canada. Sisters Helen and Odessa have worked with Sr. Helen Marie during her year as an Inquirer.

Sr. Mary Pat shared copies of Sr. Joan Chittister's (OSB) article, Will religious life rise again---and should it? (Publ in National Catholic Reporter, Sept. 15, 2022). This article asks if we are doing what we profess to believe in or simply saying what we believe in, while doing nothing about inequities. How do we live our lives? Discussion followed.

Sr. Odessa shared copies of an article written by Sister Fran Campbell on Fidelity to Tradition. Sr. Fran's article asks if our charisms have become stagnant or are we able to change with time and circumstance. She warns that "Tradition that loses its vision withers and dies." We had a round table discussion in which each of us shared our thoughts. Comments were made about the importance of the whole, because of the efforts of each of us. "If one puzzle piece is missing, the puzzle is incomplete."

Other Business included a proposal for a new ICC. Sr. Odessa was nominated, but could not accept, due to a heavy work load and a series of deadlines and other obligations.

In a discussion about attendance at International Zoom meetings, there was a question of cost, time zones, and "interculturality." Sister Lydia will talk with Sister Rosa Ortiz (IWBS) to help us work through the concept of "interculturality."

Sr. Helen Marie Akosile requested she be allowed to become an Affiliate. Discussion was opened and with no objections, Sister Helen Marie was greeted with the customary singing of Alleluia and welcomed as a new Affiliate. She will continue being mentored by Sisters Patricia and Odessa.

We celebrated Sisters Helen and Mary who celebrated 30 years and Sr. Odessa for 15 years of living the Vowed Life. Sisters Suzanne and Beth have over 60 years as Vowed Religious. All joined in renewing Baptismal Vows. (cont'd on next page)



On Sunday, October 30, 2022, we met to share Bread and Wine. Sr. Juanita led us in our morning prayer. Sisters Letty, Mary, and Odessa presided over the prayers in Celebrating the Promise.

Bread and Wine was shared by all as we closed the Fall Gathering.

Submitted by: Sr. Anne Tiemann.

(photo submitted appears on p. 12)



Twenty sisters from around the globe enjoyed time together via WEB Region Zoom on Saturday, October 8, 2022. The prayer honored the memorial of St. Francis, whose feast was recently celebrated and the remembrance of Indigenous Peoples recognized in America that weekend. Much of our time centered around sharing meaningful practices that nourish our spiritual life and this provided enriching exchanges. We also raised names for future ICCs and topics for future meetings. Sisters addressed the need to pray for the various political and environmental concerns in their local areas.

On November 12, 2022 a much smaller group joined via Zoom. Because the gathering occurred on the same Saturday as Agnes Hagen's funeral service, the sisters from VA were unable to join us as were several others due to conflicts in schedules. We were joined by the two sisters from Zambia, Angela and Grace, who were eager

to connect with the broader SFCC community. After a short prayer we spent the time sharing our thoughts on Hope, based on the article by Quincy Howard. How do we maintain Hope in the midst of the divisions that exist in our nations and our church? From what spiritual wellspring do each of us draw? Again, having the opportunity to hear one another's concerns and to draw inspiration from the sharing, left us grateful to be part of this SFCC community. We closed with a Blessing of Gratitude as we approach the celebration of Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. Our next Zoom gathering will be December 10, 2022.



*Submitted by
Alma O'Brien, RCC*



October 28th we had a recollection at Chrismar hotel with Sr. Virgie, Sr. Grace and Sr Angela then on 29th we moved to the Poor Clares sisters to continue with our recollection. Sr. Angela Kangwa Musakanya was affirmed on the Saints Day, 1st November at the Poor Clares chapel in Lusaka Zambia Africa. On the same day, Sr Grace was appointed as first RCC and the region was opened as Zambia Region.

We had our first meeting where we discussed the growth and future of our Zambian community:

- How we would meet the Bishop the following day.
- the need to purchase the burial site.
- the days of travel to the international conference in Nairobi Kenya.
- We also discussed the issues affecting African Sisters in Zambia pertaining staying with other family members (African Culture)

The following day we visited Sr. Angela's school and her parents.

It was a great meeting and the next day we had to see Sr. Virgie off at the airport to Tanzania.

Submitted by: Grace Musonda, RCC



*Left to Right: Sr. Angela, Sr. Virgie,
Sr. Grace Musonda*



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(Photo from South Central Region)



Barbara Rice

3 months ago your prayers helped Sr Barbara Rice, SFCC (Alberta, Canada) go through surgery that amputated her leg from the knee down. After the surgery, a terrible infection set in and the only solution was another amputation above the knee. That was October 3. Barbara is back at Eaux Claire Rehabilitation Center recovering from her operation. Please pray and hope that the infection does not return.

Barbara finds great support in email messages sent by SFCC sisters
ricebarara0491@gmail.com
 (rec'd 10/20/22)



Angela Woodworth
 (Great Lakes Region)

Angela requests prayers for the successful treatment of a rare eye disease that results in rapid blindness.



INQUIRERS



JOYCE JEBET--KENYA REGION

Born on 16th October 1987 at Silgan village in Nandi County. Joyce has 5 siblings. Her mother is Sally Jepkemei a business lady.

Joyce joined Apostle Carmelite sisters and after 4 years she left congregation because she did not find personal fulfillment there.

Joyce guiding principle in life is to be doing good always and prayerful at all times.

Joyce a ppl teacher and currently upgrading her studies at Mt. Kenya University, Eldoret Campus. She is currently teaching at St. Agnes Gut Primary Kisumu.

Submitted by the Archives



DOROTHY ATTOR ACCRA--GHANA

Born on 13th June 1972 at Korle-bu Teaching Hospital in Accra. Dorothy has 2 siblings

Dorothy joined the missionary sisters of the poorest of the poor in Nigeria and after she left because she didn't find her personal fulfillment.

Dorothy guiding principles are integrity at every step, stewardship, humility and attention to all details.

Dorothy holds a diploma in accounting and computer and certificate in French language. Currently she is in business with a young sister.

Submitted by the Archives



EMELIA QUARCOO--GHANA

Born on 11th August 1982 at Techiman. Emelia has 5 siblings. Her father is Thomas Quarcoo a police officer and her mother is Lucy Quarcoo a business woman.

Emelia joined the missionary sisters of the poorest of the poor after she left because she didn't find personal fulfillment there and it was without diocesan right and was not recognized by the church in Rome.

Emelia guiding principles in life is to remain focused and firm in whatever she does.

Emelia holds a degree in food and Nutrition and currently teaching at Dagbon State Senior High Technical School in Northern Region of Yendi

Submitted by the Archives



MARC SLUIJTER--NETHERLANDS

Marc Sluijter was born in Haarlem, Nederland, November 27, 1964. During his life he has had very enriching experiences with a number of diverse religions/faiths and also without them although he is not baptized in any of them. For the last ten years he has been able to participate in projects like *Humanitas*, offering assistance to humans as well as nature. He also feels very blessed with two wonderful sons growing strong and sturdy.

In terms of education he has completed a general Dutch college education. Later he also got the Diploma for Business Management. His present job is Assistant Company director at Intercom in Haarlem, NL, where he has worked for the past five years.

The Region where he belongs is Benelux and his mentor is Teri Takken.

NEW AFFIRMED

KENYA New Affirmed

Christine Chesiror
Jacqueline Kiio
Florence Kisilu
Oddila Kisingu
Pauline Muthira Mwangi
Rose Claire Nanjira
Milcah Ngolo
Phyllis Njagi

NIGERIA New Affirmed

Gloria Agada
Theresa Maiyamma

TANZANIA New Affirmed

Esther Bura
Hellene Gilli
Joyce Ndyamukama Norbert
Toyi Edifrida Seyoya
Blandina Thomas

UGANDA New Affirmed

Sarah Namata

ZAMBIA New Affirmed

Angela Musakanya

AFFILIATION COVENANT

KENYA New Affiliates

Eunice Anyango
Philomena Bahati
Florence Mulwa
Jacinta Mbatha
Rachel Muthoni
Theresa Ndunge
Hyline Ratemo
Mary Wangeci

NIGERIA New Affiliates

Lucy Agwom
Nantap Dafur
Bernadette Sampson

TANZANIA New Affiliate

Basilisa Qaday





Eunice
Anyango
Kenya



Philomena
Bahati
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Jacinta
Mbatha
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Theresa
Mesumbi
Kenya



Florence
Mulwa
Kenya



Rachel
Muthoni
Kenya



Hyline
Raterno
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Mary
Wangeci
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Lucy
Agwom
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Nantap
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Bernadette
Sampson
Nigeria



Basilisa
Qaday
Tanzania

AFRICA NEW AFFILIATES
November 20, 2022





Christine
Chesiror
Kenya



Jacqueline
Kio
Kenya



Florence
Kisilu
Kenya



Oddila
Kisingu
Kenya



Pauline
Muthira
Kenya



Rose Claire
Nanjira
Kenya



Milcah
Nigolo
Kenya



Phyllis
Njagi
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Gloria
Agada
Nigeria



Theresa
Maiyamma
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Esther
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Uganda



Angela
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Zambia

AFRICA AFFIRMED
November 20, 2022





OBITUARY
Marie Tougas

LIFE: 1930-2022
 SFCC: 1982-2022

Marie Tougas, passed to her Eternal Reward October 4, 2022. She was born the daughter of Edmond E. Tougas, and Ernestine Belanger on May 17, 1930. She was blessed to be raised in a Catholic Christian family, devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In her youth, the family rosary was recited every day after supper, giving them all strength in the battles of life, esp. for her brothers who served in WWII. With God's grace they all returned home safely.

Marie received her Master's Degree in English, with a minor in Education, from Boston College, MA., September 1969.

Marie responded to the call to religious life and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph (SSJ) in Springfield, Massachusetts on February 14, 1948. She professed her Perpetual Vows on August 15, 1957. She became a Pre-Primary elementary teacher, followed by an English teacher in various High Schools. Later, she spent 18 years teaching English to students of Ware Public High School in Ware, Ma. She retired in June of 1991.

Marie remained with the SSJ community for 34 years. With Vatican II, Marie realized she was no longer able to reconcile her idealism with the reality of the structured matriarchal life of the SSJs. She took a 5 year leave of absence during which she found a new sense of healing and peace. Leaving the SSJs was painful for Marie; but she moved forward as the Spirit called her towards SFCC. She was already familiar with SFCC through an article on Lillanna Kopp in the *Sister Formation Bulletin*.

Sr. Marie transferred to the Sisters For Christian Community on June 18, 1982. She became a Regional Coordinator of the New England Area which she served for eight years. She enjoyed many inspirational Assemblies with Avy Morse and all her beloved Sisters.

Marie and her dear friend Avy Morse moved to Florida in Ormond Beach in the year 2000.

Marie became a member of the Prince of Peace Parish and served as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and to the Minister of the sick. Both Avy and Marie were dedicated to the Charismatic Renewal, and went to the Gift of Love Prayer Meeting every Monday night. This was a wonderful time with special people, who became a loving Spiritual Family.

Marie leaves many nieces and nephews. As well as her dear friend Avy Morse, who helped her so much throughout her life. May Marie now rest in Peace, remembering all, with love and blessings from Heaven, by the Mercy and Love of God.

This is a self-written obituary and is submitted by the archives

A TRIBUTE TO MARIE TOUGAS, our sister, our friend in the Lord.

Dear sisters and friends of the SFCC, A **STAR** in the SFCC realm has been extinguished—and the loss of it is immensely felt today, especially in the heart the **MARINYCT** region, Marie served so well. For to us, Marie was the joy, and the presence; the light, and the spirit; the warmth and the welcome; the home, and the commitment; the fun and the humor we all needed to keep in harmony, the song ever sung in the SFCC first beginnings. The best of it all however, was that Marie was made of a heart of love and understanding—a unique gift of leadership that kept us together and at home within ourselves in small regional assemblies as well as internationally. — inciting us to give and share the best of ourselves, so that under her guidance, we kept on growing in stature and grace..., To these, we all can testify in humble manners and in truth. For such this has been through the many years we have known Marie, and have benefited from her gracious spiritual gifts and her exceptional talents.

Then, Alas! one day, Marie and Avy decided to move to the South in the year of 2004— Leaving behind a trail of wealth and knowledge with a light that could be seen and felt from afar without diminishing the intensity of its loving care—its impact could deliver still a source of energy which was essential to the continuity of life in the joy of belonging. Faithful and committed to the end, Marie died the way she lived. Marie dear Marie, Oh, how do we love you! Thank you!

*And now, beyond the words that speak of a **BRIGHT STAR** that has been reborn and transfigured into the image of Christ on October 4, 2022— and according to Saint Peter, "There has been words of God, shining like a light in the darkness:*

*"**The Eternal Reward,**" Marie will do well to heed till the **DAY** dawns and the **Morning STAR** arises in her heart. (2 Peter 1: 19-21).*

And now, dearest Marie, Keep on the **BRIGHT STAR** shining in our dark nights, while you rest in the Heart of your Maker, awaiting **THE NEW BIRTH IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, {SFCC STATEMENT}** that reunites you to all our SFCC sisters who have gone before you so to be blest for all eternity.

Requiem Aeternam!

*For the MARINYCT Region.
Marie-Paul Jaston, SFCC*



Such is Marie!





Our International Community is growing and significant growth was occurring during the pandemic...

Perhaps a good analogy for our present reality in SFCC is like when there is new construction and new neighbors in your area and you really like them and/or really don't know them yet...but you do need to share the infrastructure...yet it was not fully prepared for the influx in your community. So if we are in tune with this analogy we need to address the infrastructure of sfcc...some because of the growth in our community...some that was on hold due to the realities of the pandemic.

One of the most beautiful and grace-filled parts of who we are is that we make those decisions in collegial process as a community...and like the analogy, sometimes, that does not seem possible so a lot of patience is asked of us as we embrace "new members in the neighborhood". For this reason, and how important the communication process is because of the unique structure of SFCC the Florida Region offers the following two recommendations.

Recommendation One:

That in order to optimize information that needs to be disseminated to the Community in a timely manner and aware that different Regions and Groups use different social media to communicate with their members we recommend...

1. That there may be one very clearly identified media that can be accessed by the majority of (hopefully all) sisters...and that the sisters who can would make that possible for themselves. (this does not mean other communication sites may not exist but that the primary Community site is very clear to all...and that information necessary for the whole community gets forwarded to the main communication site).

2. That each Region identify those who are unable to access information through computers and set up a buddy system or old fashion telephone tree to support those sisters who would not be getting the information otherwise.

3. That we would not eliminate any sister from this system due to aging, nursing home, residence or memory loss. We are learning so much information that people with various conditions can still understand the caring effort to keep them informed. We also must realize given the structure of our community, many of our sisters are being cared for by family or caretakers...How important for them to realize she is still an important part of community.

**the more this can be clear and access (all/the majority of our sisters) we may (eventually) add this as a secure way of sharing Regional processing on important issues...the kind of information that (may) get lost if Regionals and the printing of the All to All have us missing some important information that is timely....

Recommendation Two:

As we attempt to think about the role of the International Communication Coordinators and the influx of new members internationally we recommend:

1. That we call forth an ICC team (2 members) and hopefully this team would be steeped in the history and process of Community.
2. That we call forth a NCC (National Communication Coordinator) from the Philippines and one from Africa (and any other area where the Community sees that need.)
3. That these Communication Coordinators (ICCs and NCCs) would work in tandem with each other...to optimize the flow of communication in the community and to offer the supportive information necessary in the transitions...
4. That we begin a process to clarify the role of ICC to include this level of communicating...as well as the role of a NCC as well as the available resources for the developing International Regions.

*We see the need for clarifying communication roles and supporting the new Regions as they continue to grow in the spirit and charism of community. We see the possibility over the course of perhaps (two) ICC terms the new Regions may have ICCs called forth from them. At that time an NCC would be needed in the Americas and Europe, etc. By then, more will be steeped with the understanding of community and their area and our virtual communication system will be more stabilized. (We realize the Regions in the Philippines have been in existence for years, but distance, amount of members and varieties of challenges involved in our International community, we recommend a NCC for this country. If this works we wish to have this level of communication available to any large (and

perhaps small area) to optimize our communication process.

**the publication of this Recommendation may or may not affect our thinking about our process at this time in the life of the community as we call forth ICCs. This is not an accepted recommendation... it is a recommendation that is only beginning in the stages of the collegial process.

Submitted by Florida Region



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