CENTRE INTERNATIONAL ST. JOSEPH Le Puy-en-Velay, FRANCE

JANUARY 2007

International Team to Plan Young Adult Program for 2008

Five sisters from around the world have graciously consented to be on the team which will plan the program for Young Adults to be sponsored by Centre International in 2008. Coming together for an initial planning meeting, March 25 – 30, 2007, at the Centre will be: Maria Cristina Gavazzi, Chambéry (Italy); Marie Théresé Chapuis, L'Institut (France); Susan Glaab, London, Ontario (Canada); Helena de Fatima dos Passos, Chambéry (home country, Brazil); Cecelia Malagry, Orange (California, USA).

Since each sister is already in full time ministry, this consent to participate is another sign of our desire to collaborate globally to bring to birth the first international program for Young Adults. As indicated in the program schedule, this will be an opportunity to share with young people of diverse cultures our CSSJ charism and spirituality, and how it speaks to the need in today's world for community and relationships.

French Federation Leadership Will Use Centre for Spring Meeting Place

The leaders of the French Federation have chosen Centre International as the site of their Spring meeting, April 2, 2007. The Centre Staff looks forward to the opportunity to welcome these women who have supported the beginnings of the Centre in a variety of ways.

Visitors and Guests to the Centre, to date, number close to 600. Some have come for an afternoon, for a meal, for a few days, for retreat, for programs, for group meetings, for sabbatical, with a large pilgrimage, to paint or garden or cook or work on the web site. They have come from over 25 countries sharing their stories and lives. They are sisters, associates, friends, family and neighbors who continue to reveal the face of God to us and to one another.

Updates on Spring Programs

- Our Global Ministry of Justice and Peace, April 15 21, will have 20 participants from all Federations, International Congregations, Argentina and Australia. Carol Zinn (Philadelphia), NGO at the United Nations, will lead the group in working toward a common agenda for collaboration in the ministry for justice and peace. Working documents will include: The Millenium Goals, The Earth Charter, Declaration of Human Rights and Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Marianne Sennick (Brentwood) will assist Carol in facilitating the meeting. Because the group is larger than can be accommodated at the Centre, we will use a nearby conference/retreat center, Domaine de Chadenac, for the sessions.
- For the month-long sabbatical in June, "Come apart and...," there are still a few spaces available. Sisters sharing their wisdom and expertise on the history and charism include: Thérèse Vacher, (L'Institut), Early History of the Congregation; Maria Cristina Gavazzi, (Chambéry-Italy), The Eucharistic Letter; Janet Gagnon, (Lyon), Spirit and Spirituality of the Congregation. Sisters and associates who have already applied have begun to design their month of Sabbath. This experience

will include a six-day directed retreat as well as opportunities to visit significant sites in Lyon, Chartres, Taizé, etc.

PICTURES WANTED FOR OUR WEB SITE: of Sisters and Associates engaged in ministry around the world. If you can send these to us via e-mail, we will try to rotate the pictures we receive on the site. If you prefer to send them by regular mail, we will scan them for use on the site. Please indicate the place (city, country) as well as the names of the persons in the picture and the ministry concerned. Thank you!

NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR 2008

June 7 – 14 Radical Grace

This contemplative experience offers participants an opportunity to explore links between mysticism and justice in the CSSJ spiritual heritage. We will deepen our engagement of the practices of contemplative awareness, contemplative dialogue and communal contemplation, using these practices as foundations for:

- reflection on our context (global, regional, local, personal)
- delving into the synergy between personal and social transformation
- appreciating themes of transformation in our early documents/spiritual heritage

Joan Atkinson, Sue Wilson Canadian Federation Peace and Justice Coordinators

Number of participants: 16

NB: Check out the list of Programs for newly listed titles and deadlines for application. www.centreinternationalssj.org