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INTERNATIONAL ENCOUNTER RESPONSIBLE AFJM

NOUS SOMMES ICI!



SIAMO QUI!

¡AQUÍ ESTAMOS!

DECEMBER 11, 2020
through zoom

convoked: Consuelo Mengual y Alejandra Diaz rjm
Responsible for AFJM International

WE WERE INVITED...

Meeting of the AFJM

Those responsible at Provincial level - 11/12/2020

• Greetings and prayer:

In order to get to know one another... naming one's own Province/Delegation. Each one will say her name and complete the following phrase: **"For me, the AFJM is ..."**.

We will be many! Therefore, we will do this in a relaxed way, allowing these words to resound in each of us.

• The AFJM Project:

- The road already travelled.

• The steps to follow:

- One person from each Province/Delegation will share for one minute, **one step to take**.

• Conclusions and final blessing

We will meet:

at 15.00 Rome time. (Please look at your local time [HERE](#)).

Below is the link to participate:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86707554296?pwd=Unc4L2hyVHJlTm1kRzY5S29tZkt0UT09>

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WE ARE CALLED...

Interpreters:

- Claudette Lemyre rjm
- Yudith Pereira rjm
- Mary Furuya rjm

Thank you very much for making possible this Family Encounter.

• Delegation of Africa:

Jeanne Martine rjm y Marie Prudence Mengue rjm

• Province of Argentina:

Ma. Marta Soumoulou y Claudia Machado rjm

• Province of Bolivia:

Sonia Suaznabar y Dionicia Salvador rjm

• Province of Canada:

Louise Gagnon y Françoise Barrás rjm

• Province of Colombia:

David Mazo y Ma. Eugenia Echevarría rjm

• Province of Delhi:

Reshma Skaria, Liesel George y Josna Fernandez rjm

• Delegation of England, Syria y Lebanon

Mary Mulrooney rjm e Insaf Chahin rjm

• Province of Spain:

Ana Pedrero y Marta de Santiago rjm

• Delegation of France, Germany and Italy

Elisabetta y Cuore di Maria rjm

• Viceprovince of Kolkata:

Assuciana Pereira rjm y Vidya Pathare rjm

• Delegation of Ireland:

Tina Mc Carthy, Pauline Caffrey rjm, Maureen O'Reilly rjm y Anne Moran rjm

• Province of de Mexico-Cuba:

Ma. Elisa Peón y Pitina Barredo rjm

• Province of Pakistan:

Leslie D'Souza y Clara Hussein rjm

• Province of Pune:

Juliana D'Souza y Sylvia Mascarenhas rjm

• Province of USA-Haiti:

Kathleen Scanlon rjm, Leide y Raoul A. Jean-Louis

• Province of Vadodara:

Deepak Earnest y Manjula Rathod rjm

GREETINGS AND INITIAL PRAYER.

Sister Monica Joseph, Superior General began our encounter. She thanked for the presence of all hoping that this encounter will bear much fruit.

She informed about another project of the Congregation which will be announced on February 3, 2021 and in which ASJM will participate.

She thanks us for being leaven, salt and light guided by the JM Preferences. She wishes us a good day, an Advent full of hope and a happy Christmas.



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe (feast celebrated tomorrow, December 12), and for this reason the Province of Mexico-Cuba was in charge of the preparation.

Thank you very much, Ma. Elisa and Pitina, [You can see the Power point on prayer.](#)
for helping us to pray together!

¿Acaso no estoy yo aquí, yo que tengo el honor de ser tu madre? ¿Acaso no estás bajo mi sombra, bajo mi amparo? ¿Acaso no soy yo la fuente de tu alegría? ¿Qué no estás en mi regazo, en el cruce de mis brazos? ¿Por ventura aun tienes necesidad de cosa otra alguna?



NE SUIS-JE PAS ICI, MOI QUI SUIS TA MERE ?
N' ESTU PAS SOUS MON OMBRE ET MA PROTECTION ?
NE SUIS-JE PAS LA SOURCE DE TA JOIE ?
N' ES-TU PAS DANS LE CREUX DE MON MANTEAU, DANS
LE CREUX DE MES BRAS ?
AS-TU BESOIN D' AUTRE CHOSE ?

- AM I NOT HERE, I, WHO AM YOUR MOTHER? ARE YOU NOT UNDER MY SHADOW AND PROTECTION? AM I NOT THE SOURCE OF YOUR JOY? ARE YOU NOT IN THE HOLLOW OF MY MANTLE, IN THE CROSSING OF MY ARMS? DO YOU NEED SOMETHING MORE?

The General Council accompanied and wished us the best for this encounter. Thank you very much Ma. Carmen, Núria, Encarna and Shanty for accompanying us in this meeting on-line



FOR ME, THE AFJM IS...



WE WEAVE PATHS OF ENCOUNTER...

My house. Community, which seeks the following of Jesus.

A family around the whole world; the Charism is alive.

Connected with the persons.

A way of going out to the poorest persons through the Charism.

Experience of fraternity, of divine goodness in the light of the Gospel.

Possibility of the Charism, family as accompaniment, a way or means to be closer to God.

A mother.

A Delegation, which has just come into being during this year 2020, a new path to travel on.

Guided by Jesus to go to the poorest and to continue the mission of Claudine.

A great way of belonging to the Congregation, Laity who continue our mission.

It has changed me.

Family which lives, shares together a way for goodness and compassion in the world.

A great help.

We are a family tree.

A very large family, who lives the Charism together, and wants to make Jesus and Mary known.

The other hand of Claudine, her living flame.

Enrichment for the Religious and the Laity.

A gift, which Claudine gave me during the Bicentenary, that I am learning to discover and to know and is going to help me very much in my Religious life.

To go out to the peripheries gives me life. Beautiful way of extending the Charism throughout the world.

A large international family walking together with the Charism; united in Charism and mission.

It touches my heart, to see persons called by God to live the Charism as laypersons.

A family very close to one another; I feel very happy; I have learnt the values and the Charism of Claudine to walk through life according to the style of Jesus and Mary.

Giver of life and unity in diversity, to mission together.

Countries from different parts of the world walking together with the Sisters of Jesus and Mary and the Charism of JM guides us in life so that we can be whom we are.

A place of encounter with the Spirituality of Claudine and with myself. Here I have learnt that pardon is a source of life.

My second family, which takes us on mission with those in greater need.

I feel that we are persons who live goodness, pardon, compassion and who want to reach those who are alone.

Friendship, Team spirit together with other laypersons who help me to be united with God and to be more conscious of self.

To walk together in the style of Claudine: my family of encounter with God, with others.

Experience of space where we feel inhabited by God, because of his goodness.

The Charism as a form of life has forged my character and my spirituality.

A numerous united family, of grandparents, parents, children, around the whole world, where the mission is lived with values, and with the eagerness of extending this family.

Great JM Family with its roots in the Charism of Claudine, compassion and service out of love.

**WE ARE AWARE THAT THE WHOLE AFJM
IS CONNECTED IN NETWORK
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;
WE ARE CAPABLE OF BEING UNITED AND
INTERTWINED UNDER THE CHARISM OF
CLAUDINE.**

AFJM PROJECT 2019-2025

We wanted to keep as center of this meeting our AFJM Project, because this Project points out the way to follow during the next years and we want to walk together, accompanying one another and motivating all together those responsible for AFJM in the world. We want to walk together...

This Project is important because it was drawn up based on the suggestions of all the members, who during a long time, looked realistically and with love at the life of the AFJM.

This is why this Project is like an X-Ray of the AFJM... an X-Ray taken during the year 2018-2019...and according to what was seen in it, this Plan was drawn up with the desire that it helps to have Life and life in abundance.

Questions that we asked ourselves regarding this Project:

Have we begun working in it?

In what part do we find ourselves?

What future steps are we projecting?

In January 2018, Mother Monica invited us to revitalize and strengthen the AFJM, together with Elizabeth Ides (RJM responsible for the AFJM at international level) at that time), the General Council and Consuelo Mengual. A preparatory Commission was convoked in order to begin to think about a revitalization of the AFJM and organize the Assembly of the Family to be held in Lyon on the 7 and 8 of October, united to the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Congregation.

This Commission indicated some strengths and weaknesses, the fruit of their discernment. It suggested a consultation in all the groups, with a work of reflection on their reality, in order to detect the Strengths and Weaknesses perceived in each place.

In the Assembly in Lyon, a work of reading and reflection was made, of all the material sent by the Provinces and 3 Strengths and 3 Weaknesses, of the AFJM at General level were identified.

Considering these, the Commission prepared this Project with the desire that it helps us to grow.

*Thank you very much, Ma. Marta
for sharing with us the process that has been followed!*

PRESENT MOMENT OF THE PROJECT AFJM IN THE PROVINCES

Starting from the answers sent by the Provinces, we can say that:

- Many Provinces have begun to study it and develop it in different manners, joined together with the JM Preferences, through prayer a good communication (using all the digital means within our reach), formation, Strategic Plan with questions for reflection and helping those who have difficulty of access to Internet. In 2021 those Provinces, which have not begun yet, will begin to work on it.
- The present situation of confinement caused by the world pandemic makes it impossible in all places to have face to face or meetings in person so the communication is by telephone, by WhatsApp, E-Mail, Zoom and other digital means.
- The lives of Claudine and Dina are being known; work is done on the texts of the Gospel, the new Encyclical of the Pope, "Fratelli Tutti", Lectio Divina, accompanying the life of the family, the way is going together, not alone, carrying out services and different solidarity gestures in this time of pandemic, sharing with others service and the mission and attention to those in need.
- Provincial Web pages have been created, the Preferences for the care of the Common House, sharing problems and situations in the group taking care and praying for the Religious and for the AFJM.
- In reality, we are in a process of reinvention before the new reality in order to be leaven, not to be afraid, living this sorrowful time as an opportunity and hope, working in nets with other groups and articulating spaces of communication.

STEPS FOR THE FUTURE TO BE TAKEN AND SHARED BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE IN CHARGE

Take care of Ecology, it is a treasure for us and motivate our daily work: visit the country people, the villages, take care of the plants, some are medicinal.

**Work on the Statutes, living each article in real life. Make the Spiritual Exercises.
Work on the AFJM Project, alternating a Strength with a Weakness.**

Develop the Project, we will follow three lines: 1, See in what situation each group finds itself; 2, See the Preferences; 3 Deepen the AFJM Project.

Teach hope. See what people need: goodness, healing, justice, and great creativity.

Accompany and deepen the Ignatian Spirituality, work on the U theory.

Revitalize the AFJM, open new groups in other places, support the mission, and go to the faraway zones.

Increase the motivation for being AFJM. Greater union with God, get together to pray, help others.

Help the poorest during the time of pandemic. Work on the Project. Deepen the knowledge of the Charism. Meet together in prayer and retreats..



CONCLUSION

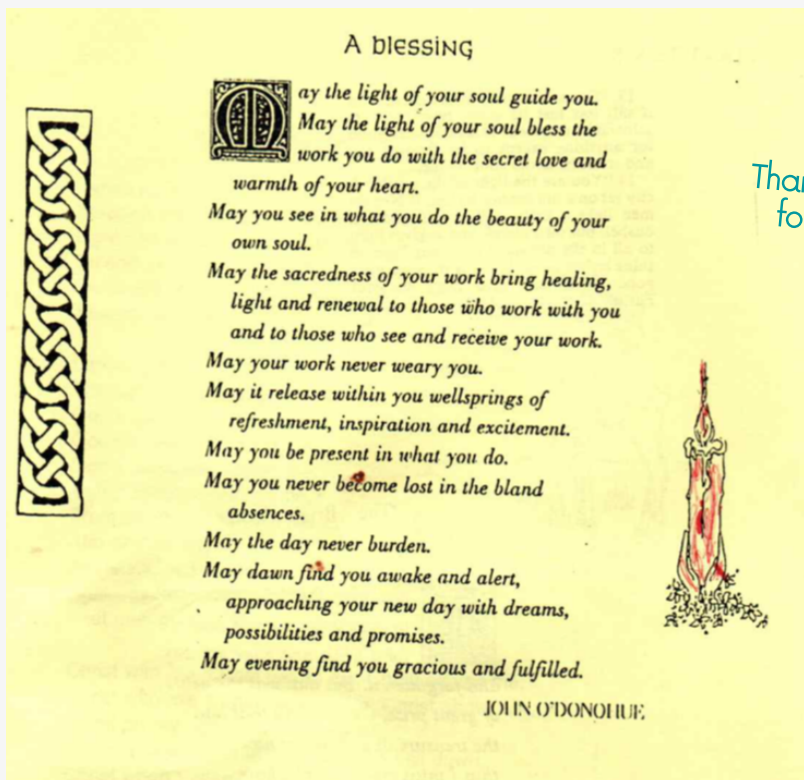
The care of the Common House is very important, one's own house and that of others; and how important it is to take care of that of others. Then we are able to take care of everyone. Accompaniment of others, being sensitive to their needs, with a true family spirit; to know the Statutes that give us the charism to live by, going out; to receive Ignatian formation, where discernment is a key element in life; to be well coordinated and informed valuing for this, in the just measure, the new technologies; invite other persons to know us: get close to the words and the Encyclical of the Pope; definitively, to favor a participative life-style during these difficult times, living with gratitude.

The word that could summarize this encounter could be REALISTIC HOPE, being positive before the reality of these complicated times in which we live thanks to the gift of the Charism.

Then it was informed that the common theme on which to work next year is the daily nature of the work of everyday life, to seek God in every moment of our life, in persons, in nature, in the love that unites us with others, discerning about our own difficulties in life and in life together.

There is also the desire to improve the Web Page and for this, Germán Londoño, from Colombia is helping in its preparation.

FINAL BLESSING



Thank you very much Ireland,
for this beautiful blessing!



Now, in this way, with gratitude for the time and shared participation, after a meeting of an hour and a half we say goodbye encouraged and with illusion to continue with the AFJM Project.

HOW GOOD GOD IS!!