

**Day 5, July 31, 2009**

### **Theme on Work of Resurrection**

The theme for today is «Work of Resurrection». The morning prayer prepared by the Anglo Canadian Region led us more deeply in this theme through slides, songs and a litany inspired by the life and work of Basile Moreau.

### **Sharing in Interest Groups**

Prayer was immediately followed by sharing in Interest Groups. Participants suggested topics for discussion based on personal concerns and questions. The results of these intense discussions were handed over to Sister Mariette Thibodeau for follow-up study. Hopefully, nothing will be lost of our time here.

### **Panel**



Sister Lucienne Landry introduced, each in turn, the members of the Panel who were to share with us their understanding of «Work of Resurrection».

Sister Dadeline Jean, from Haiti, defined the words “work” and then, “resurrection” and “education for liberation”, using Father Moreau’s own words. We need to prepare others for better times, to walk the way of hope and love, to educate others towards greater human maturity. For that to happen, we must listen to others with an open heart, try to understand who they really are and always walk in hope.

Sister Betty Roy explained how she looks at everything around her, every event, every person, even herself, as a work of resurrection in process. She honors the divine, wondering how a particular transformation happened. Every evening, she takes time to name what she is grateful for. She feels blessed and loved by God. We must be awake and aware of the birthing of new life in us and in others.

The third panelist, Sister Monique Paquette, used many examples from her work with volunteers among the handicapped and the abused, to explain her understanding of «work of Resurrection».

The work of resurrection brings more humanness and re-creation to humanity. It helps people recover their dignity as persons.

A number of participants also shared a few words on this topic. For example:

- ✚ resurrection is a process, not an event;
- ✚ we need to recognize all the little things around us that are works of resurrection;
- ✚ we need to live fully every day;
- ✚ to do the work of resurrection, we must be a work of resurrection.

## **Mission groups**

Mission groups were assigned the following question for discussion: How do you and your group do the works of resurrection?

## **Reactions/Observers**

Daniel Cadrin, O.P., introduced both Sister Therese Fortin and Sister Annette Legault who enriched us with their observations.



Sister Therese reminded us that we do have dreams and visions for a better world for the future. In fact, conversations and an abundance of listening all tend toward the future. We need to be rooted in our identity and remain carriers of hope.

The work of resurrection is all around us and we need to be grateful for that. Obviously, we need to say NO to some things and YES to others. How can we be a work of resurrection for the world? Together, we can accomplish something that alone we could never do.



Sister Annette Legault talked about our Holy Cross charism where charism represents a figure of Jesus. Our mission is to bring Jesus to the world. Using the Gospel story of Jesus healing the man ill for over 30 years, near the waters of Bethsaida (?), she brought us to understand that our charism is one of liberating education.

## **Final Celebration**

During the Eucharistic celebration, each mission group coordinator read the results of the discussions. These statements were then placed on the altar. These certainly will come back to us in one form or another.