

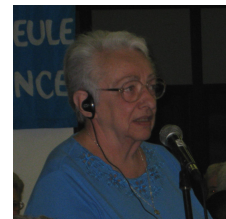
Saturday, August 1, 2009



Today is the last day of the Forum, a time to wrap up what has been done and to linger a moment on the benefits received. Therefore, the need for an “open mike”. The invitation was given to express ourselves on what touched us the most this week, what transformations took place, what am I now called to,...

Some elements of this sharing follow:

- ✚ Communion goes further than words.
- ✚ What must we keep or strengthen to respond to the needs of the times?
- ✚ A sincere thank you to the Directors of Formation for the excellent formation provided to the younger members of Holy Cross.
- ✚ Thank you for the past and the formation received in the various Units;
- ✚ Thank you for the present where diversity and unity can really come together;
- ✚ Thank you for the future of Holy Cross and a renewed sense of commitment.
- ✚ There is no division among the Associates, Companions, Sisters,... We must continue to nurture this unity.
- ✚ We are no better than the others. We are all prophetic.



- ✚ Fr. Moreau would be so proud to witness the internationality of the Forum.
- ✚ To know the past is to honor the present. With the Lord there is no past or future, only the present. We must live fully each moment.
- ✚ We are not dead. We are not ready to die. Only a living community can be prophetic – which is not easy to do.
- ✚ The future is very much alive. Let us carry on.

Daniel then asked if there were any suggestions for the future.

Some of these ideas follow.

- ✚ Sr. Mariette will receive all the Forum documents. We must study these in preparation for the Chapter.
- ✚ Take time to deepen our core call in Holy Cross.
- ✚ Incorporate the new cosmology.
- ✚ A hope that the younger sisters will continue to give time and service to the Pavilion and other places.
- ✚ We must learn Spanish.
- ✚ We must use technology to our advantage. Create blogs.
- ✚ To be relevant we need to get out of our comfort zone.
- ✚ More interregional happenings and sharing.
- ✚ The US Region would welcome the younger sisters.
- ✚ Are we called to other horizons? Asia is looking up to us.

A very meaningful Missioning Ceremony brought to a close this intense time of Forum. Sister Kesta Occident missioned each Region in turn to serve the people of God to the best of our abilities.



'Thank you's followed, a lively lunch, then on to busses and cars for the return trip home. All are leaving with a renewed heart and a greater trust in the future of Holy Cross.



General council members

and the Eastern Region members

Wave Good-bye, See you next time...