INSTITUTE NEWS

2020: The Year in Review

Throughout the year, you have received letters from Margaret and the Institute Leadership Council on the occasions of our major feasts, as well as other important announcements. The Institute Website and Facebook also posted many significant items. As we all know, 2020 was a very challenging year and we look forward to a better year in 2021.

CONSULTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Due to Covid restrictions, Consultations were conducted virtually. New forms of Area Leadership have begun in Brazil and the Northern European Area.
Cristina Caetano was appointed Area Leader of Brazil for a three year term. Cristina appointed one full-time councillor and another Sister for consultation when canonical decisions are made. The acting Area Secretary and Treasurer are lay people.

The Norther European Area chose to have 4 Area co-leaders, 2 for Great Britain and 2 for Ireland. Catherine Nolan is the canonical and legal representative; Mary Mullins, Moira Lever and Rosemary Lenehan are the other co-leaders, beginning November 1, 2020 for a period of 3 years.
The Sisters in France have become a unit linked directly to the ILC.

APPOINTMENTS

After reflection and consultation with the Sisters in the Areas of Mozambique and Zambezi, and looking at the needs of the two Areas in relation to the growth of Mission, Sipiwe Phiri was appointed the Delegate for the two Areas.

Fidelia Espin (WAA) was appointed a member of the Novitiate Team effective June 2021.

RECEPTION INTO NOVITIATE

Although the Sisters at the Sacred Heart of Mary Novitiate in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, were "sheltering in place," they were able to celebrate the ceremony of Reception for three young women who had arrived from Mozambique before the pandemic. Paulina, Asmina, and Lidia were received as novices on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2020. They are shown here with Rosemary Mawagrezano, Formation Directress and Terezinha Cecchin, Area Leader.

FIRST PROFESSION

On January 25, 2020, the anniversary of Fr.Gailhac's death, four novices made their First Profession in the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Those professed were Daniela de Jesus Santos from Brazil, Rhânella Altina Oliveira from Brazil, Previladge Rutendo Gunyere from Zimbabwe, and Aida Ganizane Fombe from Mozambique. Father Paulo of the local parish presided at the Eucharist. A very moving homily given by Father Antonio Carlos was based on a letter of Father Gailhac. Rosemary Mwagarezano, directress of the SHM Novitiate, presented the novices, and Maria Aparecida Moreira, Institute Councilor, received their vows on behalf of Margaret Fielding, Institute Leader.

PERPETUAL PROFESSION

On January 19, 2020, in the parish of Nossa Senhora de Fátima in Três Marias – MG, Brazil, Rosinéia Aparecida dos Reis had the joy of making her Perpetual Vows .The Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by the parish priest, Fr Nivaldo de Fátima Melo, with Fathers Jacson Hilário Pereira and Valdo Brandão as concelebrants. In his homily, Fr Jacson recalled the partnership with Rosinéia when, as young people, they founded "Missionary Childhood" in Três Marias. Maria Aparecida Moreira, Institute Councilor, received her vows on behalf of Margaret Fielding, Institute Leader.

MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL DO LANGUAGE STUDY

During the months of January and February, Ana Luisa went to Noddfa to further her English and Sipiwe went to Portugal

to further her Portuguese.

During the year, the Institute Leadership Council participated in several webinars sponsored by the UISG and SEDOS on the topics of Leadership, Interculturality, Communications, Reimagining the Future, JPIC Issues, Safeguarding, etc...

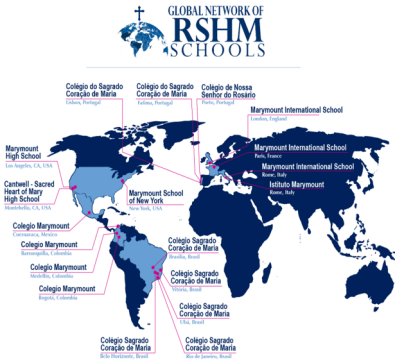
PLANNING MEETING

In February, Sr. Brid Long, SSL came to Rome to facilitate planning with the Institute Leadership Council.
After a period of reflection on our Constitutions, charism and the calls of our General Chapter 2019, the Council developed Leadership Team Vision and Goals and drew up a plan for the next 6 years, which they communicated to the Institute.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS AROUND THE INSTITUTE

INSTITUTE FORMATION COMMISSION

A new team was appointed in May 2020: Patricia Connor (WAA), Terezinha Cecchin, coordinator, Rosemary Mwagarezano (Novitiate), Feliciana Antonio de Campos (MA) , Ms Clare Horn and Isabel Grangeon (PA). Margaret is the liaison member from the ILC. They had three meetings and are currently taking forward the outcomes of their reflection on the responses received in the survey carried out in Autumn 2020. The survey gathered information about what is happening in vocation awareness, initial formation and ongoing formation throughout the Institute.



GLOBAL NETWORK OF RSHM SCHOOLS

Supporting the Heads of the RSHM Schools was the first concern of the Coordinating Committee, which held a Zoom Global Heads' Meeting in July 2020. All heads were able to attend and had the opportunity to share and reflect together on the challenges facing schools at this time. The Coordinating Committee has met twice to plan the next Heads' Meeting. Mary Jo Martin, Coordinator of the Network, is pleased to announce that a new initiative has begun in the sharing of teaching and learning across the Global Net-

RSHM HERITAGE ANDAND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Institute Heritage and Spirituality Group (HSG) - Marie France Correau (coordinator), Valeria Erneio (M), Catherine Gough (NEA), Luisa Almendra (P), Rosinha Pereira (B), Kathleen Connell (EAA), Beatrice Magaya (Z) and Ana Luísa Pinto, the liaison member from the ILC - met in May, July and September 2020 via Zoom. The HSG reflected on its mandate in the light of the priorities of the 2019 General Chapter and, under its inspiration, produced resource materials for publication on the Institute social media in order to make our Sources accessible to a wider public. The HSG also initiated a project of mentoring younger members of the Institute on our Sources and continues to collaborate with the Beziers Transition Committee. The HSG desires to strengthen the exchange and collaboration with other Institute Groups.

MORE MEETINGS

INSTITUTE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Joseph Fergus, Anthony Behrens, Pare Moreira, Mary Bernadette McNulty, csj and de Lourdes Mechow (not pictured) held their annual meeting via Zoom on October 26-27, 2020. Monica Walsh is the liaison member from the ILC. The Institute Stewardship Committee adeptly monitors the investments and ensures that socially responsible guidelines are followed.

ASSOCIATION SOURCE SCM

The Board and Annual General Meeting of the Association took place in Beziers in February and virtually in October. Margaret and Pare attended. The Association Source offers programmes that share our RSHM heritage and spirituality with all groups and individuals that come to the Mother House. The Board members are Brigitte Dalton (chair), Bernadette McNamara, Marion Shanahan and Claudia Pacheco.

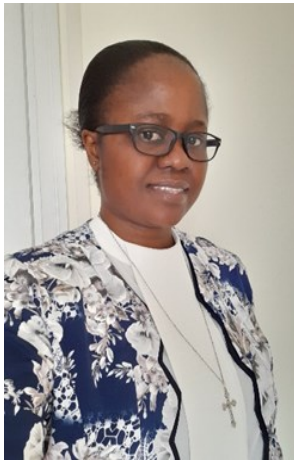
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

After consultation with Sr. Maria Helena Moreira, FMA and a meeting with her and the Area Leaders, a new Communications Team was appointed in October 2020. The Institute Communications Committee meets on a monthly basis The members are Ms. Cecilia Brizuela, Ms. Ana Carolina Passos, Monica Walsh (ILC Liaison), Claudia Pacheco (P) and Mary Genino (WAA) ,coordinator. The Committee works to carry forward the 2019 General Chapter priority to explore more effective means of communication at all levels of the Institute. Particular attention is given to maintaining and updating social media.

AND EVEN MORE MEETINGS

INSTITUTE SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

The members of the Institute Safeguarding Committee (ISC) are Manuela Queirós, (P) Ms. Monica Terra, (Istituto Marymount) and Sipiwe Phiri, as ILC liaison. The ISC works hand in hand with the Area Designated Individuals who manage a possible concern or incident according to the Area's locally adapted reporting procedures and civil law. In the previous year, the Committee met four times to plan and ensure the clarity of the Institute Policy Document. The most recent meeting was with the Designated Individuals who shared on how the policy is being implemented in their respective Areas.



Two Institute policies were developed and are posted on the Institute Website: General Data Protection Regulation and Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

JPIC UN/NGO

The Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Team (JPIC /NGO) like all Institute Teams, was not paralysed by the pandemic that hit the world. Led by the vibrant JPIC/NGO coordinators, six meetings were conducted online: each member shared on the reality of the pandemic in their Area, the concrete steps that were taken, and followed webinars online. The members are (top left to right) M do Rosario Duraes (translation), Veronica Brand NGO/UN Representative, Manuela Queiros (P), Ellen O'Leary (NEA). Middle, Rosa de Lima Pereira (B), Sipiwe Phiri-ILC Liaison, Pamela Penkert (Z) ,Catherine Minhoto (WAA), Third Row, Mary Jo McElroy- Coordinator, Virginia Dorgan (EAA), and Claudia Monjane (M). The team works hand in hand with other Institute Teams and the Institute itself at large, ensuring and reminding each member that we are JPIC people and JPIC is a 'song of our day.' Let us continue to be a 'voice' for the 'voiceless.'

Enlarged Institute Leadership Council

The Enlarged Institute Leadership Council , formerly known as the Enlarged General Council, took place via Zoom from November 16-22, 2020. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Cormaria, Sag Harbor, New York, but due to Covid restrictions, travel was not possible.

Sr. Brid Long, SSL, was our very adept facilitator.

The symbol chosen for the meeting –a symbol of our faith and hope- was the seed sown during our 2019 General Chapter. The seed sprouted and in less than three weeks emerged above ground.

The main focus of this first virtual EILC meeting was *"Institute Structures for Mission",* a mandate of our 2019 General Chapter.

All Area Leaders reported on the steps taken since the Chapter towards restructuring at Area Level and the Institute Leadership Council shared the steps taken at Institute Level. A request by the Area of Portugal to revive the process for the beatification of our founder, Jean Gailhac was presented.

A major highlight was the virtual presence of so many RSHM at the opening and closing moments—an unforgettable experience of joy and unity—truly an experience of "one body for mission". In the words of Sr. Margaret Fielding, Institute Leader, " We go forward together as Institute, with courage and hope, trusting in God's Spirit to lead and guide us."

The following pages are screenshots taken at various moments of the meeting.

PARTICIPANTS AT THE EILC

Cathy Minhoto
Rosemary Mwagarezano
Cathy Garcia
Kathleen Connell
irene Kelly
Joanne Safian
IRSCM
Barbara Bailey's iPad
Gretchen Hailer
Terezinha Cecchin
Mary Alice
Kathleen Kelemen
Catherine Patten
Isabel Grangeon
Fidelia Espin
Kathleen Kanet
Sr. Mary Elizabeth
IRSCM
Bernadette Kenny
Travessa das Freiras
iPhone
Frances
Maisie
Cathy M
BERNADETTE's iPad

MILESTONES

RSHM CELEBRATE 150 YEARS IN IRELAND

The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary first arrived in Lisburn, Northern Ireland, on November 22, 1870. We congratulate them as they celebrate 150 years of ministry in the Northern European Area.

RSHM CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN PORTUGAL

Congratulations to our Sisters in Portugal who have opened their jubilee year, marking the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary in Portugal on September 30, 1871. Many events involving RSHM, the SHM Extended Family and lay collaborators in our schools and social projects are planned for the coming year.

On June 17, 2020. Irmã Escolástica Genoveva, Area of Portugal, celebrated 100 years of life. A long and happy life, a real blessing for all of us! There were many sisters and friends who joined by telephone; others even came to visit her and bring her gifts.

With masks, social distancing, and temperature checks, and despite the risk of thunderstorms, sisters at Marymount Convent in Tarrytown, New York, held a festive 100th birthday celebration for Sr. Canice Walsh on June 30, 2020. The presider at Mass in the Chapel was Father Andrew King, who, in 7th grade was a student of Sr. Canice. Mass was followed by lunch and a dessert party with a cake depicting Sr. Canice's beloved area of Ireland.

OUR SISTERS REMEMBERED

We remember our sisters who entered the fullness of life in 2020.

Maria da Conceicao Campos, Braga, January 4, 2020

Josephine Rooney, Tarrytown, February 23, 2020

Cacilda Goncalves Ribeiro Neves , Braga, March 21,2020

Catherine Dunne, Dublin, April 6, 2020

Ilza de Lourdes, Vitoria, April 11, 2020

Joan Ronayne, Tarrytown, April 11, 2020

Maria da Conceicao Moreira Mendes, Braga April 16, 2020

Yvonne Rushton, Orange, CA, April 17, 2020

Maria de Lourdes Marques, Fatima, April 24, 2020

Joan Mary Moore, Orange, CA, April 26, 2020

Teresa de Jesus Faria Rodrigues, Porto, May 7, 2020

Teresa de Jesus Fernandes Coelho, Coimbra, May 8, 2020

Theophane Geoghegan, Liverpool, May 9, 2020

Kathleen Hamilton, Liverpool,May 30, 2020

Maria de Lourdes Malheiro Bezerra, Vitoria, June 16, 2020

Maria de Lurdes Brito, Vitorio, June 18, 2020

Dorothy Bartels, Orange, CA, July 4, 2020

Marisa Costa, Uba, August 6, 2020

Rosalina SIlvares Duarte Nunes, Fatima, August 12, 2020

Gwen Power, Ferrybank, September 2, 2020

Maria de Jesus Duarte Alves Rei, Braga, September 3, 2020

Maria Maxima da Graca Baptista, Fatima, September 6, 2020

Mary O'Neill, Ferrybank, September 6, 2020

Margaret Mary Allen, Tarrytown, September 20, 2020

Thecla Aguilar, Tarrytown, September 23, 2020

Anne O'Connell, Liverpool, October 28, 2020

Maire Convery, Ferrybank, November 3, 2020

Marilia de Jesus Barbosa, Braga, November 24, 2020

Mariana Goncalves Ferreira, Braga, December 14, 2020

Margaret Ellen Flannelly, Tarrytown, December 18, 2020

Maria Rosa Martins Dias, Lisboa, December 20, 2020

Maria Augusta Ribeiro Lopes, Braga, December 29, 2020

Maria Luisa Martins de Brito, Braga, December 31, 2020