

FROM THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

As we begin our mandate we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Barbara, André, Patrice, Patsy and Philippa for all they have given us during the past six years. They have each brought dedication, hard work and energy to their service of the Province as they accompanied us on our journey. We appreciate the time they have spent with us during this past week in handing over a wealth of information which will enable us to move forward.

As they move on to take time out or return to ministry, we wish them every blessing and happiness.

We are also grateful to Margôt and Mary Jo for their tremendous work in providing support to the Province and we are very pleased that they are continuing to work with us.



“MAGNIFICAT”

“Magnificat” is a beautiful word with its connotations of praise, thanksgiving, trust, hope and joy. Indeed these words aptly describe the ritual of thanksgiving for the service of the out-going Council and of blessing for the new Council which was hosted by The Park and Kerrison Road Communities on 1st September.

Aline welcomed us on behalf, not only of the London Communities who were there in person, but of the whole Province. The prayer ritual was beautiful. Special tribute was paid to Barbara and her Council, to Margôt and Mary Jo, to all the Sisters who had supported the Provincial Team over six years by their prayers and good will, and to those who had served the Province in various ways as individuals or on teams. Symbols of their new mission were presented to Mary Jo and her Council: our Constitutions, the General Chapter 2007 document, a lighted candle, a photo of the Sisters in the Province and a Bible. Everyone joined in the prayer of missioning, asking for God’s blessing of strength, gentleness, compassion, simplicity, patience, peace and joy for the new team, and together we sang the Magnificat.

Mary Jo then thanked Barbara and her team, and the new Council presented them with gifts in appreciation of their generous service to the Province.





There followed a delicious meal and most tempting desserts provided by the two communities. Some of us were able to dine “al fresco” as the sun shone warmly that day. It was a wonderful opportunity to mingle and, for some, to meet people we had not seen for some time.



We had fun too, as Barbara, sporting a T-Shirt bearing the words
“THE END IS NIGH”,
presented the new team with similar T-Shirts bearing the words
“OVER TO YOU”.

Yes, “over to us”, but knowing that we are all in this together and trusting that we have the support of your prayers and good wishes.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER DATES

NEW!

We know that you have already received dates for the Provincial Chapter, but these have been changed to reduce our expenses.

The **first** part of the Chapter will take place at the Novotel, Birmingham from 26th -29th October **2012**
and
the **second** part, after the General Chapter, 11th -13th October **2013** at the same venue.

BEREAVEMENTS

Our sympathy and prayers have been with:

Sister Marie and Christina Clune on the death of their brother, **Fr Tony Clune**,
who died in Dublin on 25th July.

**THANKS AND GOOD WISHES
TO THE OUTGOING PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

Barbara, Patrice, Andre, Philippa and Patsy

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES
TO THE INCOMING PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

Mary Jo, Ursula, Rosemary and Ellen