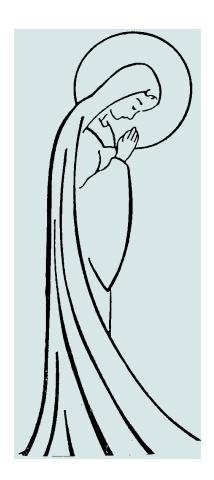
FEAST of the RELIGIOUS of the SACRED HEART of MARY 13 June 2015

From the RSHM Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life



We thank you, God, for your grace and compassion, for embracing all persons in a call to holiness, and for calling us to a journey in faith as Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we want to live the words of your servant and friend, our Pope Francis.

We want to look to the past with gratitude, giving thanks for the faith vision of our Founder, Jean Gailhac, a man filled with a sacred fire; giving thanks for our first sisters, who risked their lives in service to the Church, responding generously to the needs of the people of their time; giving thanks for our sisters who have lived in fidelity, knowing and loving God, making God known and loved so that all might have life.

As women of many cultures, languages, gifts and ages, we want to embrace the future with hope. Give to us the courage, faith and energy to continue to transcend boundaries, to be women of creativity and courage, to open up meeting places for your grace and compassion to unfold and flourish. We ask Mary, woman full of grace,

who rejoiced that poor people are exalted and that hungry people are filled with good things, to continue to walk with us in the face of the unpredictable, even the impossible.