



NEA NEWSLETTER



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Margaret Lee's Silver Jubilee was on the 6th July – but we celebrated on the 7th! With Covid 19 restrictions still in place, it was a very small party. Teresa, Kathleen (Margaret's friend) and I went with Margaret for a meal in a restaurant near to Castlemilk, where we enjoyed the conversation and the delicious food. As well as Margaret's 25 years of Profession, we remembered her longer association with RSHM, especially her 6 years of service to the poor of João Pessoa, in the Favela Novo Horizonte and the literacy classes.



Mary Jo



A big thank you to all the sisters who sent me cards, gifts and had Mass offered for me on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee, much appreciated. Margaret



Happy Birthday



to **Sister Immaculée Morris**
who was 92 on 4 July –
seen here on the right with her sister
Sister Margaret Mary

to **Sister Katherine Quilligan**
who reached the venerable age of 99
on 7 July



to **Sister Teresina O'Byrne**
who was 95 on 9 July

There was no shortage of lovely cakes for these birthdays in Madonna House



The experiences we have all lived through these past 18 months or more have challenged in so many ways. Some of these have been difficult – not seeing people face to face, not hugging, not travelling – but the pandemic has also challenged us to find different ways to communicate, to get in contact with others.

For the Global Network of Schools, that challenge has just resulted in our first ever VIRTUAL Heads' Retreat in Paris...well, from the comfort of our own homes and schools!

We have just had a three day retreat with the 19 heads of the Global Network. Our theme was ENCOUNTER and over the three days we reflected on, prayed about and received input on :

Encounter with God;

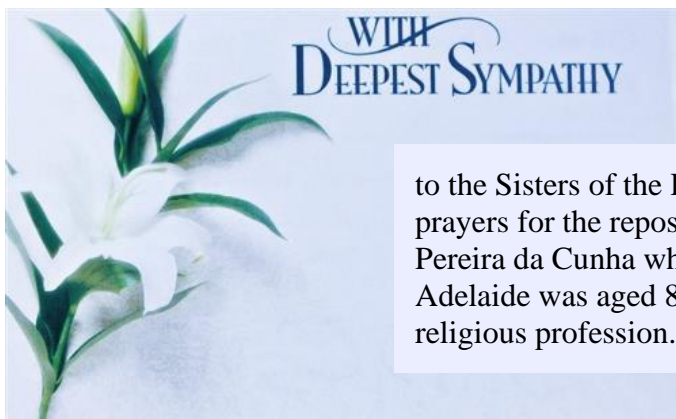
Encounter with Self;

Encounter with Others.

Margaret Fielding led our first session; Julie Mody the head of spiritual life in Marymount Paris led the second day, and Fr. Aidan Troy a Passionist from Belfast, led the third day. We prayed, we listened, we shared in small groups and we enjoyed just being together in a different way. It was a time of real joy and support for our heads from 3 continents and strengthened our bonds as RSHM educators.

I have the three talks available if anyone would like to receive them. Please do let me know.

Mary Jo Martin.



to the Sisters of the Portuguese Area who have requested prayers for the repose of the soul of Sister Adelaide Pereira da Cunha who died on July 12th in Fatima. Sister Adelaide was aged 87 and in the 60th year of her religious profession.