

FROM THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

NEWS FROM KARINA ABOUT PROFESSION DAY

We are very happy to announce that we now have a new member in the NEP, since Karina's profession and arrival in 72 Upper Drumcondra Road. Our average age is lower now!



Karina, Rosineia and Agnes

Karina wrote:

"We had a really lovely day, the choir from the local church sang for us during the celebration and local people also helped out with the food preparation which was very nice. We had 100 guests for lunch in the garage of the new novitiate, it worked really well as a location, lots of space and shaded but airy. The guests seemed to enjoy it!"

I'm feeling very happy now, very proud and looking forward to the future. Thanks for all your support and encouragement and thanks to all for remembering us."

VISITS

We have been enjoying this time of visiting communities. We thank you for your welcome and for sharing your lives with us, and we look forward to the visits still to come.

Hey!
WELCOME
We're very GLAD
you're here!

Bienvenue
chez **vous** 

LONDON AREA REFLECTION GROUP

We had our first meeting of the year in the new house of the Manor Park community – which is actually in the Seven Kings area of Ilford.

It is very near the station and we found it easily, with good instructions.

There was, of course, a warm welcome to the new house – and a warm bowl of soup for a wet day!



We all brought an item of interest to share – so we thought that these might be of interest to others:

- **Monica Brown DVD of one of her chants - Holy Mystery - with wonderful images of the cosmos and nature.**
- **'The Examined Life' – book by Stephen Grosz**
- **Tablet article on Peter Faber by Michael Holman**
- **Pope Francis –'The Joy of the Gospel' – with particular reference to paragraph 199 and to the quote "We are evangelized by the poor". This gave rise to a sharing from Kathleen and Breda about their ministry in 'The Women at the Well'.**
- **An article from the magazine 'Resurgence' about the President of Uruguay who has let homeless people live in his presidential palace while he lives very simply.**
- **Two films: Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom and The Railway Man**
- **Rich in Years –a book by Johann Christoph Arnold (a copy of which is available for all communities)**
- **A story about reconciliation**

We finished off with André's rendering of 'My Lagan Love'



and went off after tea and cakes feeling inspired by our visit to the 'new house'.



SR LÉONIE PAULO RIP

The Bon Pasteur Community thanks Mary Jo for joining them for Léonie's funeral and send their thanks for cards and prayers received from the Sisters and communities throughout the province.

**Celebration of the ADIEU of
Sr Leonie Paulo,
Tuesday 21 January 014-02-03**

Introduction (Françoise)



Leonie, you received the name of Maria Martina on the day of your baptism. You were born on 22 September 1918 at Granja do Jarmelo, a village in the North of Portugal, where you spent your childhood in the midst of your family. Then you enter the Religious of Sacred Heart of Mary at Guimaraes in Portugal. You received the name of Sr Léonie. You came to France, to Béziers in 1944 where you made your perpetual vows. Since then you have always carried out your mission in various houses in France: Cambrai, Rennes, Béziers where you served in the community.



Very good with your hands you used to rummage about in the Friday Market and with pieces of cloth that you had bargained for you made clothes for your sisters and your friends. In the last few years you made multicolored candles with the unspent wax which you had managed to collect.

Then illness arrived, slowing down your mobility. At first you were in a wheelchair, before being confined to bed, completely dependent for more than 3 years, having lost your speech which made communication difficult. And yet there were still some expressions on your face: a smile or sometimes a frown. You enjoyed visits and followed people with your eyes. You had your share of suffering. And then like the wick of the lamp, you faded away early on Saturday morning.

Léo, as we used to call you amongst ourselves, we surround you now, with José, your nephew, and his wife, Catherine, who represent your family who have come from Brittany. They represent your family who live in Portugal and Brazil with their families.

There are many who cannot be present but are united with us, as are those who cared for you day and night with affection and devotion. All together, gathered here in prayer, we entrust Sr Léonie to the tender love of God.

BEREAVEMENTS AND DEATHS

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Bon Pasteur Community on the death of **Sr Léonie Paulo** who died on 18th January at the age of 95 years and in the 73rd year of her Religious Profession.

Kate Phipps, Margaret O'Brien's niece, has been in contact and passed on the word that Margaret's brother, Michael, died peacefully in Los Angeles on 22nd January at the age of 92 years. When Margaret was in Arrowsmith House he wrote her long newsy letters, and phoned at times for news of her. It is thought that he was the last of her family to die. RIP

Kathleen O'Donoghue, sister of Maureen and Teasie, died suddenly on 30th January. Many of us will have known her over the years. Our sympathy is with the family.

Our sympathy and prayers are with :

Cécile and her family on the death of **Patrick**, her nephew-in-law, who died on 5th February, RIP.

The Eastern American Province on the death of **Sr Sheila Devlin** who died in Tarry town on 27th January at the age of 78 years and in the 57th year of her Religions Profession.

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF HEYTHROP COLLEGE.

Michael Holman SJ, Principal of Heythrop College sends the following message:

“As you may know, we are celebrating a remarkable jubilee this year – the 400th anniversary of the foundation of our College by the English Jesuits in Louvain in 1614. The principal event which will mark this jubilee is a conference to be held at the Senate House of the University of London on 19th and 20th June 2014.

As well as reflecting on the history of the College, the conference will explore the nature and character of Jesuit education over the past 400 years and its impact on philosophy, theology, science, literature and the arts.

The two-day conference is offered at £50 (concessions: £35). This will include a sandwich lunch on both days. Early booking is essential due to limited space and should be done via this weblink: www.heythrop.ac.uk/400years.”

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