



NEA NEWS & VIEWS



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In The Month Of October

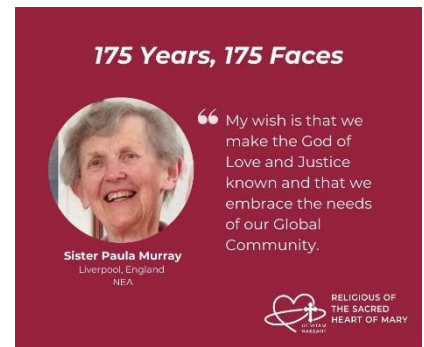
Catherine Pulsifer

In the month of October, a season's tale unfolds,
As nature's palette shifts, vibrant colours behold.
The weather turns cooler, a crispness fills the air,
Leaves cascade like confetti, a dance without a care.

Children's hearts flutter, counting days with glee,
Anticipating Halloween, a night of mystery.
The sun's rays wane, as twilight gently sweeps,
Shorter hours of daylight, as the world slowly sleeps.

October's charm enchants, a magical embrace,
A symphony of change, in this transient space.
With each passing day, a glimpse of nature's art,
October's beauty whispers, etching memories in the heart.

**NEA Sisters
who featured
on 175 faces
during the past month**



I would like to say 'Thank You' to all of you who got in touch with me when my sister, Mary, (Sr. Christine DC) died. Those of you who sent Mass cards, Sympathy cards, those of you who were in touch by telephone or email and our Sisters in London who attended the funeral. Your sensitivity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions at Ealing Abbey. Asking God to bless you. *Sr Joanna Whooley*

Sister Mary Lamble RIP



Many thanks for all those who sent messages, Mass cards and prayers. We hope that you were able to see the video link to her beautiful and moving funeral mass. During the mass Father John John reflected on the many changes, not just in dress, that would have taken place during her life time. Hence these photos!

May she rest in Peace.
Barbara, Arrowsmith and Seafield communities.

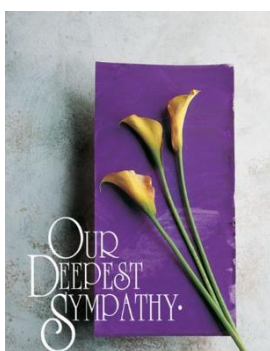


BEREAVEMENTS

We offer our sympathy to

Sister Patsy Butler, Ferrybank, on the recent unexpected death of her brother John. May Patsy and all the family be comforted and supported by friends and colleagues. May John rest in peace.

the **Sisters of the Portuguese Area** on the death of **Sr. Laura Pinto RSHM** who died on 15th October. Sr. Laura was aged 93 years and was in the 68th year of her religious profession. She was a member of the Braga community. May Sister Laura rest in peace.



SOME NEWS FROM AROUND THE INSTITUTE

News from Brazil!

“In September, the “Encontro das Juventudes”, which brought together students from all the units of the “Colégio Sagrado Coração de Maria”, had the participation of Sisters Aelita, Daniela and Rhânella, as well as Sisters Lúcia Araújo and Judith Caliman, who had been present from the beginning. In addition to spending time with the group, there was a special moment of sharing about the mission in which each sister works, taking the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the word Vocation.”



Season of Creation walk in Rome

The Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October 2024) has come to a close. However, we strongly believe that our commitment to taking care of our ‘Common Home’ Mother Earth, is not coming to a close.

Sisters Pará Moreira, Ana Luísa Pinto and Sipiwe Phiri, on behalf of the Generalate Community participated in the Season of Creation Walk 2024 which was organised by the JPIC Rome members in Italy. It was a two hour walk with five stations of reflection, prayer and solidarity based on quotations from Hildegard of Bingen and Teilhard de Chardin.

Taking part in the Via Creation’s walk, and listening to the shared reflections, challenged each one to reinforce the urgent need to take care of our Common Home. No matter how small our contribution may be, it makes a big difference.

In conclusion, Teilhard de Chardin challenges us, “The age of nations is past. The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to build the Earth.”



Formation Programme

On October 8 the Institute Formation Commission sponsored a program on 'Unity and Synodality' for the Temporary Professed Sisters and those Sisters who are Perpetually Professed up to 12 years of perpetual profession. During the meeting they made connections and many Sisters got to know each other for the first time. They voiced that 'walking together' as Sisters, in the company of Gailhac, strengthens them to meet the challenges of today's world.



Interview with Sr Ana Luisa on radio in Rome on 9th October

We invite everyone to read the interview from Renaissance Radio with Sister Ana Luísa Pinto, Institute Counselor!

"The Pope knows that the contributions of women enriches the Church"



<https://rr.sapo.pt/.../o-papa-sabe-que-o.../396293/...>

Pope Francis in East Timor

On September 9, Pope Francis arrived in East Timor for a three-day apostolic visit. The community of the Heart of Mary in Zumalai rallied to meet the Pope and thousands of Timorese who gathered in Dili for the great Eucharistic Celebration.

GENERAL CHAPTER 2025



We are all preparing for the General Chapter, when together, in assembly, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary elect the Leadership Team for the next 6 years and determine the Institute's objectives/priorities.

The RSHM General Chapter will be in July 2025, in Brazil, with the theme

"Women of prophetic hope, walking together, risking the new, so that all may have life."

So, over the next few weeks, on Mondays, we will be sharing with everyone short videos made by the members of the Planning Commission, who are working on organizing the Chapter.

In the **first video**, Sister Margaret Fielding, the Leader of the Institute, talks about the theme of the Chapter.

We invite everyone to watch the video and be prepared for the General Chapter with us!





In the **second video** of our series dedicated to the General Chapter 2025, Sister Ana Luísa Pinto, Councillor of the Institute, talks about the preparation for the ecclesial event.

Animated by the theme of the Chapter, Sister Ana Luísa hopes that the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary can be prophetic women who risk something new. She wishes that, on this journey, all of us together, as the family of the Sacred Heart of Mary, can continue to promote life and life in abundance.

In the **third video** from our General Chapter Series, our Chapter Mediator, Sister Brid Long, Sister of St. Louis, highlights the decision of the Chapter Planning Committee (CPC) to focus on inclusion, including all sisters and lay people in the preparation when possible.



In the **fourth video** related to the General Chapter, Sister Pará Moreira, Councillor of the Institute, points out that the theme of the Chapter expresses the way in which we, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, want to walk. The RSHM General Chapter will be in July 2025, in Brazil, with the theme “Women of prophetic hope, walking together, risking the new, so that all may have life.”

[#RSHM #RSCM #CapítuloGeral2025 #GeneralChapter2025](#)

Type in **RSCM RSHM Facebook** on Google to access these videos

RSHM at the SYNOD

Sister Sipiwe Phiri RSHM had the honour of serving as an assistant at the Synod in October 2024, a transformative moment for the global Church. This experience allowed her to observe the profound dedication of participants—from bishops to laypeople—seeking discernment guided by the Holy Spirit. Through themes of inclusion and unity, the Synod reaffirmed the Church’s mission as a beacon of hope and renewal. Read Sister Sipiwe’s full in the link below:



<https://www.rscm-rshm.org/.../reflections-on-the-2024-synod/>

The Institute's Finance Group meeting in Rome from 23 to 26 October 2024.

WALKING TOGETHER!

To understand the implications of moving towards a Unity of Government; to reaffirm principles, values and attitudes and to find new ways of organizing ourselves financially are some of the tasks of the Institute's Finance Group, which met in Rome from 23 to 26 October 2024.



It is a privileged time to pray, share ideas and reflections, listen and meet, via zoom, with each Area of the Institute. We want to continue walking together, in synodality, to promote the Life and Mission of our Institute!



I Don't Believe In Spooks And Demons

Paul Curtis

I don't believe in spooks and demons
I think that should be understood
But there are always more trick-or-treaters
Than there are kids in the neighbourhood.



May This Halloween



May This Halloween be as bright as ever.

May this Halloween bring joy, health and wealth to you.

May the festival of lights brighten up you
and your near and dear ones lives.

May this Halloween bring in u the most
brightest and choicest happiness and
love you have ever Wished for.

May this Halloween bring you the utmost in
peace and prosperity.

May lights triumph over darkness.

May peace transcend the earth.

May the spirit of light illuminate the world.

May the light that we celebrate at Halloween
show us the way and lead us together on the
path of peace and social harmony.



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