

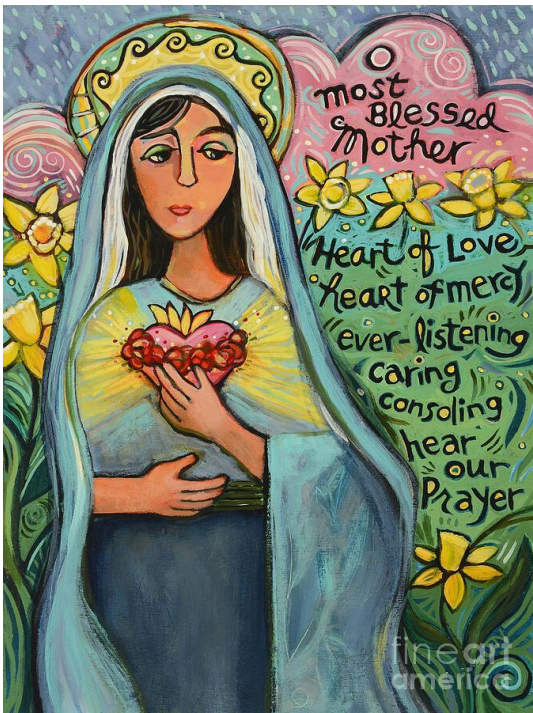


NEA NEWS & VIEWS



JUNE 2025

FEAST of the SACRED HEART of MARY 28 June 2025



' "The name, Sacred Heart of Mary, reflects Mary in her totality. Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary, if you wish to be worthy of this name, your heart must be the reflection of that heart whose perfection attracted God himself".

The title, Sacred Heart of Mary, is the expression of the total gift of one's life which Father Gailhac proposed to the sisters:

"Be entirely given to God, in spirit, heart, and will."

from **A Journey in Faith and Time** 1 pg 170
Rosa do Carmo Sampaio

Good wishes and many blessings to all our RSHM sisters and associates as we celebrate our special feast. May our coming together in celebration be life giving and joyful.

RSHM
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
that all may have life



SOME NEWS FROM AROUND THE INSTITUTE



29 May

NEWS FROM PORTUGAL

Sisters and Lay people with responsibility in groups in the Portuguese area gathered at the School of Fatima for the 2025 Assembly of Groups. In the words of Sister Maria Teresa Nogueira, this is an important structure for participation in leadership. The Provincial Superior recalled the paths travelled during her six years of leadership and left a warm greeting of unity for Sister Isabel Grangeon, who was recently appointed to succeed her.

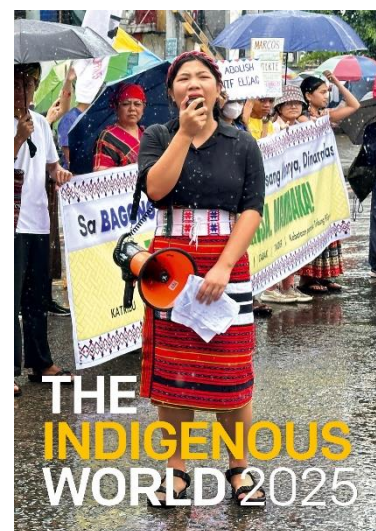
The participants in this Assembly reflected on what has helped to evolve the Institute's belonging and mission and left recommendations for the future.

2 June RSCM RSHM UN News

News from the UN. This issue reports on the UN General Assembly's tribute to Pope Francis, honouring his legacy of compassion and justice. It covers the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, highlighting advocacy for Indigenous rights and Amazon protection. It also introduces "The Indigenous World 2025" report and student initiatives on climate. RSHM took part in Earth Day actions and glacier preservation efforts.

We invite you to read it by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.rscm-rshm.org/.../06/News-from-the-UN-154.pdf>



5 June WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Living our vocation to be guardians of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. Laudato Si' 217

Loving God, as RSHM we affirm that our Care of the Earth is in defence of all life. This commitment is at the heart of who we are - women who protect and nurture all life, all creation, everything that has been fashioned by your hand. On this World Environment Day, empower us to deepen our respect, care, and reverence for our Common Home as a concrete response to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor. Amen.

(Inspired by the JPIC UN NGO Network Statement - January 2025)

5 June Rome RSHMS AT HOPE 2025 (3rd to the 8th of June 2025)

Sisters Sipiwe Phiri and Ana Luísa Pinto attended Hope 2025, the Leadership Collaborative Conference in Rome, the Eternal City.

This gathering brings together approximately three hundred Catholic women religious from around the world to connect on a heart-to-heart basis, across cultures and congregations. The conference aims to establish a new, transformative approach to leadership, fostering relationships that will sustain religious life and enliven the Church and the world today.



7 June WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY



This year's theme, "Food Safety: Science in Action, highlights the vital role of science in ensuring the food we eat is safe. From a simple power outage at home to food poisoning at a restaurant, a voluntary recall of contaminated products, or an outbreak linked to imported food, food safety incidents can occur at different scales and have varied impacts." PAHO

Our union is important to raise awareness and promote concrete actions to prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks. We are united with the World Health Organization/ Pan American Health Organization.

Learn more: <https://www.paho.org/en/campaigns/world-food-safety-day-2025>

8 June NEA PENTECOST

"This Holy Spirit, Jesus had told them at the last supper, would be their Helper and 'will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'"

And so, as they prayed together, their minds and hearts teeming, perhaps, with expectations, fears, desires, the power of the Holy Spirit swept through them like wind and fire. They were transformed, ready to risk the new, witnesses of prophetic hope...in many languages!



We invite you to read the text written by Sister Barbara Bailey NEA

<https://www.rscm-rshm.org/general/pentecost/>



World Oceans Day 2025 (UN WOD) celebrates the ocean in recognition of its vital importance as the sustainer of all life on earth. This year's theme is "Wonder: sustaining what sustains us". Our oceans cover 70% of the planet's surface and host 80% of the world's biodiversity. They provide oxygen for every second breath we take and they feed billions of people.

Although oceans are essential to our existence, they are facing unprecedented threats, among which are pollution, climate change and overfishing.

Information: <https://unworldoceansday.org/>

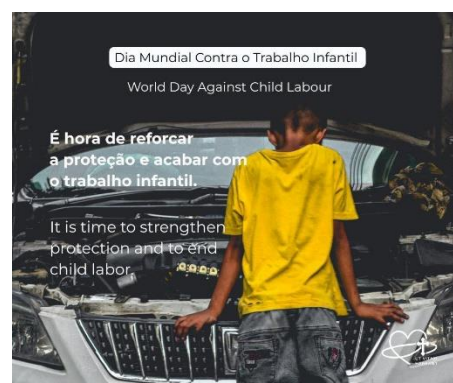
12 June WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

"Currently, 160 million children are still engaged in child labour. This represents nearly one in ten children worldwide." The United Nations.

It's time to step up the protection and end child labour.

More information:

<https://www.un.org/.../obs.../world-day-against-child-labour>



17 June WORLD DAY OF COMBINATION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT



"Land degradation and drought are major disruptors to our economy, stability, food production, water and quality of life. They amplify climate change, loss of biodiversity, poverty, forced migration, and conflict over access to fertile lands and water. Land restoration is an opportunity to reverse these alarming trends. A restored land is a land of endless opportunities. time to unlock them now." Ibrahim Thiaw, *Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (SECNUCD)*.

We are committed to the Earth and its Beings, so that everyone may have life in abundance.

19 June

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT

We invite you to listen to Pramila Patten (Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict).

"If you look at the history of war, and the conflicts around the world, and time immemorial, sexual violence has been used in every war as a tactic of war" Pramila Patten.

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20 June WORLD REFUGEE DAY



Behind every refugee lies a story of resilience, survival, and a relentless pursuit of peace and dignity.

According to UNHCR, 123.2 MILLION people are forcibly displaced worldwide. 73.5 MILLION is the number of internally displaced people (Source: IDMC) 36.8 MILLION refugees.

Each year, on June 20 marks World Refugee Day, the international day to honour people who have been forced to flee.

This date aims to draw attention to refugee rights, needs, and dreams, helping to mobilize the political will and resources needed to ensure refugee not only survive but thrive.

Data: <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics>

23 June AREA OF PORTUGAL



With joy, we share photos of the official opening of the project UT VITAM - A CASA, in Lisbon, Portugal, a space for dialogue, response to basic needs and empowerment for the integration of vulnerable population, and at the same time a space for young people from high school and colleges find environments of study, prayer, fellowship and service. From September, the space welcomes those, who are guided by partners, will be able to find there a space of welcoming, communication, care, clarification, respect, growth and sharing.

"The dream has become a masterpiece! "When we enter the house, it's like we hear the voice of our founder, Fr. Jean Gailhac, telling us: take care, take care of all people!"



21 – 21 June MEETING OF THE NEA EXTENDED FAMILY – NODDFA, WALES

When the Extended Family met in Noddfa it was the first time Sr Catherine Dolan missed being part of the gathering as she has recently moved from Carlisle to Fazakerly. All of the prayer reflections were led by individuals from Barrow. Even though they feel 'prphaned' since Pierre died they have been faithful to their monthly prayer group. Kath Nolan, Liverpool, has a craft group and they are raising £5,000.00 to buy a



Grinding Mill for the people in Chivuna. Kath brought crafts to see at the weekend.

Some of the members support people in need in Brazil that Mary Jo will meet when she goes to the upcoming Chapter.

There was great joy and hope as all of us felt the support of belonging to our group.

WALK TO THE CHAPTER 2025



DREAMS for the CHAPTER continued

The General Chapter is near, just three months away!
We are getting ready and, from April to June and will be publishing (on Facebook) the dreams of our Leaders, Delegates and Team for the Chapter. You are all invited to follow the new project and dream with us!



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
that we will be bold and courageous in embracing and risking the new...

SISTER MARY GENINO RSHM
Western America



I wish that, together, we help each other to deeply listen to Spirit and community discernment; to cultivate freedom and courage to make decisions necessary for our renewal.

MARIA TERESA DIAS NOGUEIRA RSCM
Portugal



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025 IS:
that we literally hold each other's hands and walk together, encouraging each other in the good that we are doing.

SISTER ROSEMARY MWAGAREZANO RSHM
Zambezi



That we walk together to consolidate our RSCM charisma and identity; to go to the meeting of life, particularly bringing us closer to the excluded in society, to those who crave freedom of expression;

IRMÃ VALÉRIA ERNEIO
Brasil



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that, mindful of our commitment to become one unit of governance for mission, we emerge from the Chapter: with greater knowledge of our sisters world-wide.

SISTER URSULA CANAVAN RSHM
NEA



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that the freshness of having many newer members present will be a source of creativity and hope in responding to the stirring of the Spirit today, while being faithful to our founders' vision and responding to the needs of our time.

SISTER VERONICA BRAND RSHM
Eastern America



I hope the chapter will be full of hope, strength and achievements that are projected towards the world with international communities."

IRMÃ FIDELIA ESPIN PALACIOS RSCM
América del Oeste



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that it will be a time of walking together and deep Listening. I believe that the Spirit of God is at work in every person. That ALL may have Life!"

SISTER FLORENCE MUUKA RSHM
Zambezi



May we be open to the new, open to the action of the Holy Spirit, may we carry out the new projects to carry out, may we always walk together in unity to continue with the mission.

HERMANA ARCENIA ESCAMILLA RSCM
América del Oeste



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that we would continue to open our ministry to needy areas; and to call forth our talents and resource and our witnessing, to challenge our church and society to be more responsible for the life of the world...

SISTER INES EVELINA GIZZARELLI RSHM
Eastern America



"With the General Chapter, the sisters of the Institute have the opportunity to share together the joys and solutions to the challenges the world lives today. Seeking new ways and strategies for the Institute to continue growing.

IRMÃ LOLA JANUÁRIO RSCM
Moçambique



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that the delegates are truly inspired to find creative and hope-filled ways to "pour the old wine of the institute into the new wineskins" in such a way that new visions arise and all find new hope to follow them.

SISTER KATHLEEN MURPHY RSHM
Zambezi





Let it be a time of a Pilgrimage of Prophetic Hope anchored in FAITH and Zeal.

IRMÃ LUÍSA
MARINHO RSCM
Portugal



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that 'Hope be the Song of a bird in our heart always'. That the Chapter be a Synodal Process/ Spiritual Conversation (...)

SISTER MADELEINE
FITZPATRICK RSHM
NEA



There's a dream that has been with me throughout my life: ""LET ALL BE ONE"" . I have been blessed to live in a diversity of cultures that has broadened my horizons and allows me to welcome everyone, without exception. I wish this dream of mine will come true in the next General Chapter.

IRMÃ MARIA EMÍLIA
PELIZ RSCM
Portugal



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that the delegates be filled with the spirit of wisdom and all RSHM strengthened in hope for the future. May we walk together with confidence, facing challenges and embracing the "new" so that, All May Have Life.

SISTER MARGARET
HOYNE RSHM
Eastern America



Let us know how to take risks, without fear of the unpredictable, since we embark on the mission to give life so that everyone may have life.

IRMÃ MARIA
JULIETA DIAS RSCM
Portugal



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is to have a vibrant, inclusive and spiritually nourished community, sustainable projects for future generations and empowering members to embody love, compassion and justice.

SISTER MARGARET
MASARAKUFA RSHM
Zambezi



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
We have prayed, reflected, and shared hopes and dreams. In light of what we have discerned and guided by the Spirit we need to act, to make our voices heard, to risk something new.

SISTER MARION
SHANAHAN RSHM
Eastern America



MY DREAM FOR THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that our motto, "That all may have Life" will continue to inspire us to go to those in need and care for all creation

SISTER MARY JO
MCELROY RSHM
NEA



MY DREAM IS THAT THE CHAPTER 2025:
will make wise decisions to help us to move forward as an Institute in collaboration with the whole Church, nurturing our hope through a life of prayer (...)

SISTER MARY LELIA
O'SHEA RSHM
Zambezi



MY DREAM IS THAT THE CHAPTER 2025:
that the experience will be joyful and inclusive of all voices and that the Outcomes will give hope to all RSHM and many others.

SISTER BRID
LONG, SLL
General Chapter Facilitator



"I wish that we are open to the challenges of the mission and willing to risk the new, in Communication and in each of our Ministries, with the commitment to meet the needs of the day. I hope that through Communication, we can keep RSCM, collaborators and friends from around the world, close to the Sisters who participate in the Chapter in person.

CAMILLA MORTEAN
Internacional



MY DREAM IS THAT THE CHAPTER 2025:
is that we can name concrete ways of acting on local, national, and global levels in prophetic hope in our broken world today.

SISTER CATHERINE
MINHOTO RSHM
Western America



My dream for the General Chapter 2025 is that we can, as a Congregation, deepen our mutual listening and welcoming, seeking a renewal of our mission and identity, especially in the current context.

IRMÃ DANIELA
DE JESUS SANTOS RSCM
Brasil



I HOPE THE CHAPTER 2025:
will inspire and energize us as we consider our call to be women of prophetic hope amid changes in our Institute and challenges in our troubled world.

SISTER JOANNE
SAFIAN RSHM
Eastern America



May it be an enlightening moment for all, may it be a spiritual landmark of much wisdom inspired by the charism of our founder Fr. Gailhac and all the religious who contributed, in some way, to make the Institute what it is today.

JUSCELIO
ZANINI DA SILVA
Brasil



See the profiles of all the delegates, alternates, invited guests and team for the 2025 General Chapter!

<https://www.rscm-rshm.org/.../general-chapter-planning.../>

COUNTDOWN to the CHAPTER

In one month, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary will be together in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, represented by our delegates and guests for the General Chapter 2025.

On the final walk to Chapter, we will rescue and publish images from Chapters from the last 50 years. Images that inspire us!

“Women of prophetic hope live in the present shaped by recollection of the past and hopeful expectation of the future. The God we follow is a God of surprises,” recalled Dr. Jessie Rogers, a theologian specializing in the Old Testament, who was present at the ELC meeting in Noddfa.

9 June

We start with a photo of the 1975 Chapter, held in Rome with the theme: Mission - A Call to Justice.

The images will be published every 3 days on our Facebook and Website! Follow here and on the website link:

<https://www.rscm-rshm.org/.../a-historia-do-capitulo-de...>

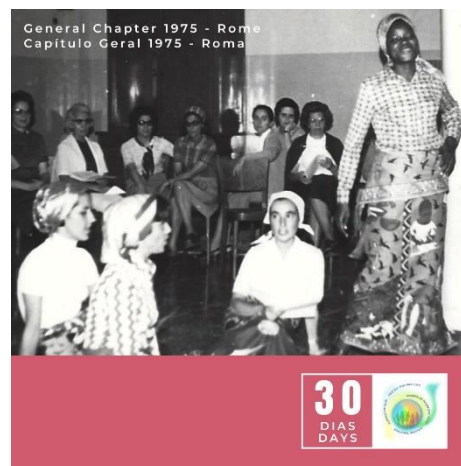
A special thanks to archivists Ir. John Bosco and Romina De Vizio, who keep our images in the Generalate and helped us gather the photos of the Chapters!



12 June 27 DAYS UNTIL THE CHAPTER

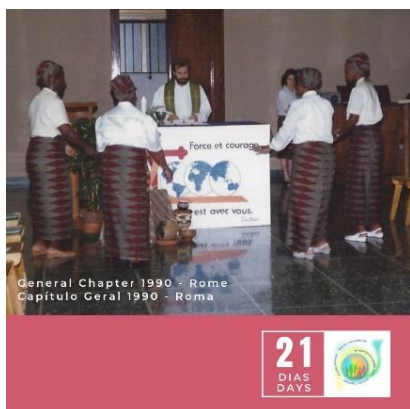
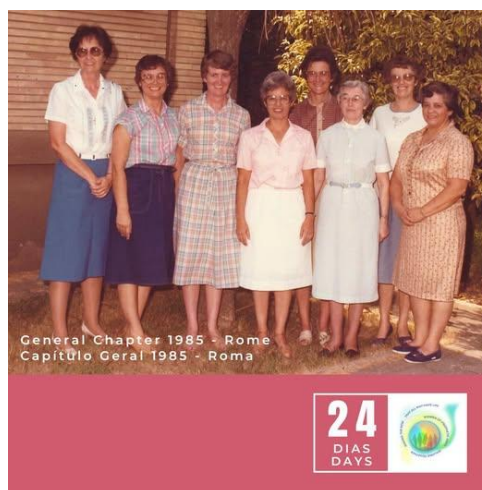
In the Walk to the General Chapter 2025, we share a photo of the 1980 Chapter (Rome), which approved the revision of the Constitutions. Do you recognize the sisters in the photo?

Check out more photos here: <https://www.rscm-rshm.org/.../a-historia-do-capitulo-de.../>



15 June 24 DAYS UNTIL THE CHAPTER

We share a photo of the General Chapter of 1985 (Rome), which had its central focus on Revitalization for Mission! We are proud of our sisters and their courage and walk. Do you recognize the sisters in the photo?

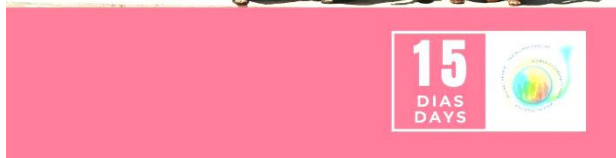


18 June 21 DAYS TO THE CHAPTER

Counting down the days to the 2025 General Chapter, we share a photo from 1990 in Rome (Italy), when the focus of the Chapter was Theological Reflection.

21 June 18 DAYS UNTIL THE CHAPTER

A photo of the group present at Chapter 1995 (Rome). The goal of that year was to advance with the implementation of the Mission Statement, with a focus on "being called to be a community".



24 June 15 DAYS UNTIL THE CHAPTER

The General Chapter 2025 is almost here and we remember the Chapter of 2001 (Rome), when the theme was "New dimensions of our charism, continuing the vision of Gailhac: Life for all in the New Millennium".

June 9 Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Area #InternationalArchivesWeek

During the International Archives Week, we invite you to visit [Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Area](#) Facebook and [UT VITAM](#) Facebook and see a special selection of photos and documents that tell the story of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary!



Step back to August 1922, when Reverend Mother Joseph Butler and her Assistant, Mother Gerard, embarked on their journey from New York to Los Angeles, answering Archbishop John Cantwell's urgent plea:

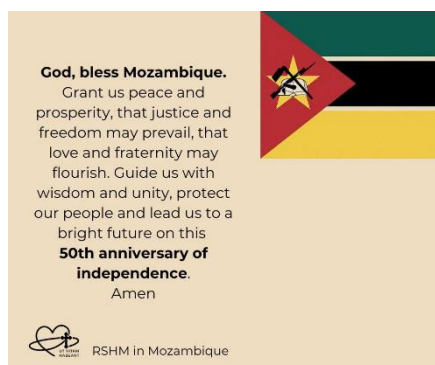
"Unless something is done a generation of children will grow up without any Catholic education."

They courageously opened Marymount School on W. 28th Street in September of 1923, with just five students. From humble beginnings, their mission grew; May Day celebrations, French plays, blossoming student life, fuelling the vision of Father Gailhac: that "all may have life".

Today, these cherished archival records—photos, original documents—bring this bold chapter of RSHM history to light. They stand as a testament to faith, courage, and the transformative power of education.

<https://rshm.org/panel-1-marymount-school-in-the-west/>

25 June 50th Anniversary of Independence in Mozambique



This week – Area of Brazil

Celebration of 114 years of
Colégio Sagrado Coração de Maria - Rio de Janeiro!

Congratulations to everyone who is part of this history!

"The house of God is the heart." Father Jean Gailhac



26 – 27 June RSHM GLOBAL NETWORK ENCOUNTER

in **Marymount International School London** on June 26 and 27. The Heads of 18 of our 21 Global Network schools around the world, (from the USA, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Portugal, Italy, France, and England), plus the RSHM Representative to the Global Network, two incoming Heads, and RSHM Area Leaders from the EAA, Brazil, and Portugal. This year's Heads' Encounter will begin at school on the afternoon of June 27 with happy reunions, introductions of the new and incoming Heads, and the Welcome Dinner. And then, from June 28th through July 2, we will reflect on and explore the Heads' Encounter theme so closely linked to that of the Jubilee Year and the RSHM Chapter which is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE - walking with passion and compassion, so that all may have life and have it to the full." We will each be encouraged to examine our own pilgrim journey, and be guided on how to deepen our spirituality and sense of mission and community by Sister Margaret's message, personal and communal prayer, the guest speakers' interactive workshops, and a day-long pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory. In addition, guided by the Spirit and Sarah Gallagher, Head of Marymount International School in Rome, we will work on imagining and shaping the future of our Global Network.

