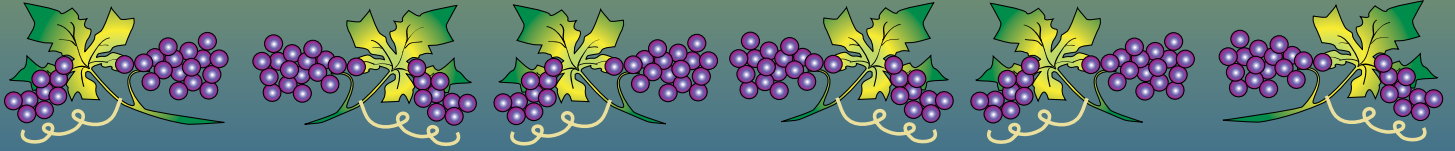


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FALL 2018

INTERIOR FREEDOM AND FORMATION:

The 2018 Formators' Workshop

By Sister Gilmary Kay, RSM

The CMSWR Formators' Workshop provides a forum for vocation and formation directresses of member communities to dialogue and learn from one another about a particular focus or need in religious formation. The 2018 Workshop took place at Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA, from April 16-20, 2018. The theme of this year's workshop was *Interior Freedom and Formation*. The speakers' presentations offered a chance to gain new insights and pose questions relevant to understanding, fostering, and mentoring others in true freedom through the formative process of religious life. Sister Mary Christa Nutt, RSM, addressed *The Formation of Human Freedom in Religious Life* while Sister Lynn Jarrell, OSU, spoke about *Mentoring a Person for Membership: Rights and Obligations within a Formation Program*. Monsignor Peter Vaccari, rector of St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, NY, presented on *Formators: Accompaniment in Freedom and Mutual Trust*. On the final day, Father David Songy, OFM, a clinical psychologist, presented on *Distortions and Obsessions: Limits to Freedom in Formation*. Forty-four religious communities were represented in the audience.

Opportunities for Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, and communal meals are all part of the workshop experience.

Here are some of the participants' comments:



"Throughout our Congregation we are trying to place a greater emphasis on interior freedom. I will be able use this information also with professed sisters' renewal programs."

"Our formation team will greatly benefit from the workshop. Sister Lynn's style, presentation, and handouts and Msgr. Vaccari's Beatitudes for Formators were particularly helpful in clarifying structures and formation in canon law, and highlighting the importance of listening and the qualities of a good formator."

"A great workshop and well planned. Sister M. Christa started off with the philosophical background and then it was fleshed out in a helpful way by the rest of the presenters. I love the synergy of Sister Lynn and Sister M. Christa."

"The topics were well chosen. We had time for questions, scenarios and group discussion. Thank you."

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

Sister Mary McGreevy, RSM

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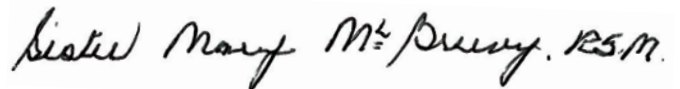
Dear Friends,

It is the custom for many of our major superiors to celebrate profession ceremonies in the summertime. There is never a doubt that what we are privileged to ratify during our term of office is God's work. Nor can we cease to wonder at the collaboration of human mediation leading to this profound and deeply personal self-offering. The generosity and love of parents and family, the formators and superiors who come into relationship and foster the process of maturing in the knowledge of God's ways according to a particular charism blessed by the Church, the retreat masters who teach and guide, the confessors who offer absolution and bring peace.

What we see in the following pictures and reflections is a joyful response to a moment of truth which now will unfold over a lifetime, the truth that Jesus Christ is the same, "yesterday, today and forever." He beckons and He calls as He moves through history, loving and nurturing His Church and awakening the minds and hearts of those laborers that He sends to the vineyard. Before we know the work of the vineyard, we know the Vinedresser. This knowledge awakens love, and the love sustains fidelity.

The many agents of human mediation that surrounded and supported these beloved sisters on the journey to this moment will be the same agents of human mediation that each will rely on to support them as the journey continues to unfold. The trajectory begins and ends in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who tends and feeds His sheep.

Sincerely in Christ,



Sister Mary McGreevy, RSM
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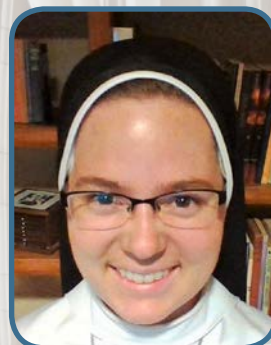
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MEET THE DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

By Sister M. Bernadette Nguyen, FMSR

Established in 1946 by Bishop Dominic Mary Ho Ngoc Can, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was initially founded in response to the needs of evangelization and catechesis in the Diocese of Bui Chu, North Vietnam. In 1967, God's providence brought 12 sisters and five postulants to the United States. As some ministered at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, others attended universities either in Philadelphia or New York. In May 1975, streams of Vietnamese refugees began arriving in the United States after the fall of South Vietnam to the Communists. Four Holy Rosary Sisters were sent to assist in the resettlement of the incoming refugees at Fort Indiantown Gap camp in Pennsylvania.

Thus was initiated the sisters' ministry among the Vietnamese in the U.S. As larger numbers of the Vietnamese population gradually amassed in the warm, coastal regions of the southern states, the sisters were invited to minister to the spiritual needs of their compatriots and subsequently relocated to the South. Convents were instituted in the Diocese of Biloxi and the Archdiocese of New Orleans to accommodate the expansion of ministries in various communities.

In October 2003, the United States Queen of Peace Province was formally established with the Provincial House in New Orleans, Louisiana. At present, the U.S. Province has 68 sisters, represented in 8 dioceses: the Archdioceses of New Orleans, Oklahoma City, and Mobile, and the Dioceses of Biloxi, Houma-Thibodaux, Baton Rouge, and Little Rock, as well as the Archdiocese of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Under the guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary, we are called to live the mysteries of salvation—Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious—and to proclaim the grace of redemption to all. We have been blessed and honored to continue Christ's mission here in the U.S. in the past 51 years through our charism in the fields of education, healthcare, parish ministry, and social work. In step with our Blessed Mother Mary, we continue our FIAT—to serve with faith and love!



GRATEFUL FOR THIS GIFT: *Summer Renewal Program at the Domus*

By Sister Mary Angela, CK



“How many beautiful things has God done for me?” This question of Pope Francis at a general audience still resonates in my heart as I reflect on the beautiful things God has done for me during my 3-week stay in Rome during the Summer Renewal Program. It is hard to capture in words the gift of this special time, but I would summarize the experience as an “expansion of my heart.” First, the community formed by our group of 14 sisters from 8 congregations was like that of a new family. We learned about and delighted in one another. Next, the “holy adventures” of each day were like jewels that Jesus was just waiting to pour into our laps. Although we had plans, they would often be interrupted by delightful surprises, like the time we had Mass at *Chiesa Nuova* and afterward a seminarian gave us a beautiful tour of the rooms where St. Philip Neri lived and worked, or when a Jesuit priest at the *Gesu* offered to show us the original rooms of St. Ignatius of Loyola and later celebrated Mass for us in the room where he died. In our tours and classes we learned, and in a sense experienced, Rome and Christianity: the rise and fall of the Roman Empire with their amazing organization,

construction, culture and government; the ebb and flow of the Christian persecutions in the early centuries and why they happened; the influence of so many saints in various time periods. It was evident that God raised up the personalities needed to meet the needs of the times throughout history—as He continues to do today. Wonderful speakers shared about particular Vatican offices and how they serve the Church, which broadened my vision to see the needs of the universal Church in a new light. Their quiet and faithful dedication to daily tasks and challenges reminded me of my own call to fidelity in the ordinariness of daily life. Overall, I came home feeling greatly enriched in ways I had never expected. The beauty of the Church, encompassing all times, peoples and cultures, had penetrated my heart more deeply than ever before. Like Pope Francis and our Blessed Mother, I could truly say, “The Almighty has done great things for me,” and I am grateful for this gift.

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for the grace
given to you
by Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 1:4

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