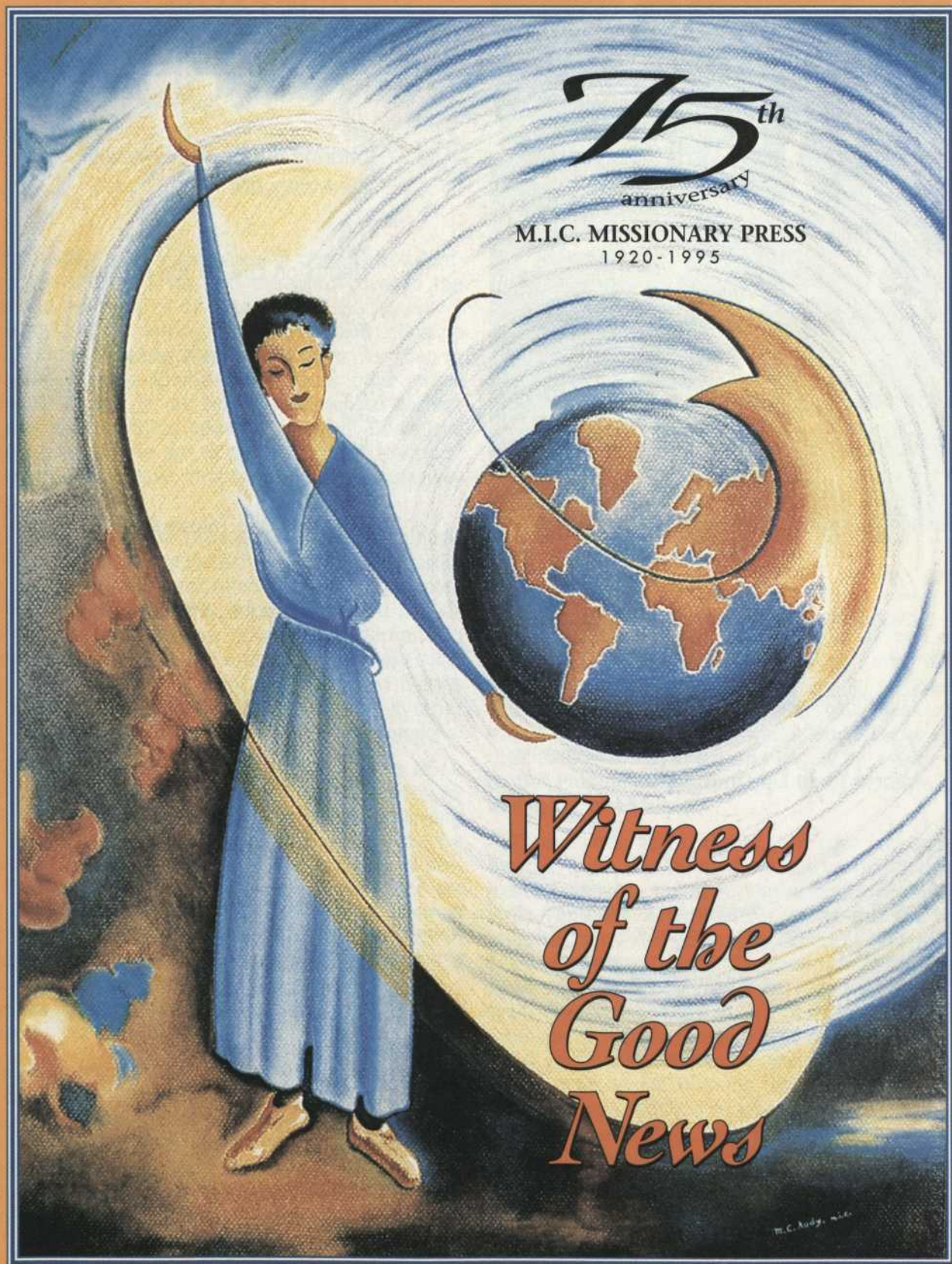


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TELLING THE WORLD ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

"The media are part and parcel of the way God communicates with us. From God the word flows to the world, and we need to be attentive to the fulness of this word." *Aetatis Novae*, the pastoral instruction on social communications, further reminds us that in Jesus, the **Word** is liberating and redemptive for all peoples. It is part of our human vocation to live out "the ongoing, unlimited communication of God's love in creative ways." We are to do this through words of hope and deeds of love, that is, through our very way of life.

Our Foundress, Délia Tétreault, realized this clearly. As early as 1920, she launched **Le Précurseur**; then in 1923, she saw to the publication of an English edition, **The Precursor**. The **Bulletin**, as she conceived it, "will contribute to creating an apostolic movement in Canada and will give rise to numerous missionary vocations." She also hoped to inform families and friends regarding the work of her Sisters at home and in other countries and to solicit financial help for the missions.

1995... On this anniversary of the launching of **Le Précurseur**, the M.I.C. Missionary Press celebrates **75 Years of Missionary Presence in the Media**! Following their initial orientation, **Le Précurseur** and **The Precursor (MIC Mission News)** continue today to prepare the way of the Lord for those who have not yet been evangelized, to enliven the commitment of Christians to the cause of the missions, and to awaken missionary vocations. It was always Délia Tétreault's desire that **Hearts on Fire for the Mission** might be ever more consumed with zeal for the work of evangelization.

"As the Father sent me, I also send you" (Jn 20:21). Pope John Paul II specifically addressed this call to the youth of the world, whom the Church looks to for spreading the faith and for furthering the "springtime of Christianity" in the Third Millennium. On this 10th **World Youth Day**, the Holy Father emphasized that every form of apostolate and every kind of service must



Photo: H. Turcotte, M.I.C.

Stained glass window, Cap-Pelé Church, N. B.

have its source in Christ. He added that "no one should pull back from the demand of real and effective solidarity between individuals, in families, in communities and throughout society." We caught glimpses of how the M.I.C. Sisters tell the world about God's love in their activities with the young people on a **Pilgrimage to the Philippines** and in their ministries among the **Mangyans of Mindoro**.

Through the years, the M.I.C.'s have responded to the call to be literate in the many media of communication available to them. The activities presented in **Délia Tétreault, a Witness for Today** and the variety of publications and videotapes aimed at **Making Délia Tétreault Better Known**, also show how her daughters strive to keep a clear focus on their mission to proclaim the message to all - a liberating, redemptive message of hope. Appreciative of our past, we at the **M.I.C. Missionary Press** are grateful to all our loyal friends and benefactors for their constant and generous support. May our readers of today, like those in Délia Tétreault's time, find our mission publication a light and a witness of the Good News as was **John the Baptist, the Precursor**, 2000 years ago. □

Maria Anthea Raso, M.I.C.

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OUR BULLETIN *

The benefactors and friends of our missions had been asking us for several years to publish a regular bulletin giving news of our Society, which works in a small part of the Lord's vineyard, in heathen countries. Unfortunately, we were unable to respond to this kind request due to a lack of funds to support the existence of this type of publication.

If we dare undertake such a task today, it is not because we are in a better position to produce the publication, but rather because we are strongly encouraged to do so by our venerated Archbishop Bruchési and by His Excellency, the Apostolic Visitor of China, Bishop de Guébriant of Canton. Another, still more powerful motive is prompting us: The Holy Father insists more than ever in his audiences and in his private and public correspondence, on the need to promote the work of the missions by every possible means. He never ceases to encourage the pastors and the faithful, and His Holiness counts on our generous America to provide the assistance that will save the missions in distress.

Even if these pages were published for the sole purpose of responding to the desire of our beloved Pontiff and Pastors, this would be reason enough for their existence. To this initial goal is added the no less legitimate purpose of bringing some consolation to our benefactors by making known to them the fruit of their generosity.

The charitable people whom Divine Providence has, in the past, placed on the way of the humble Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception, have always responded to our requests readily and in a manner worthy of their spirit of faith - this we say with gratitude. It is thanks to them that this first issue of our Bulletin has now come into being.



Photo: T. Lortie, M.I.C.

*Covers of the first edition of LE PRÉCURSEUR, May 1920
and of THE PRECURSOR, September 1923.*

However, to guarantee the future of this bulletin, we need numerous subscribers. During this month devoted to our Immaculate Mother and Patroness, we ask her to raise apostolic promoters in all areas, as we see in the ever growing number of readers a growing number of friends of the wonderful cause of the missions.

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The review will be published four times a year and the subscription cost is one dollar. It is modest in both appearance and style, the style of the heart. We dare hope that it will be well received by all those who care about the progress of the Gospel in heathen countries.

To provide a new subscription is to help the missionaries and to promote the work of the Lord in the field of harvest. □

* First editorial written by Délia Tétreault (Mother Marie-du-Saint-Esprit), M.I.C. Foundress.

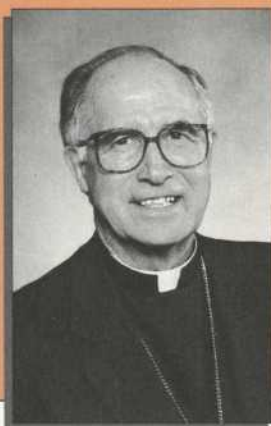


Photo: Maurice

Délia Tétreault launched LE PRÉCURSEUR in May 1920. An English edition: THE PRECURSOR (known today as MIC MISSION NEWS) appeared in September 1923. Faithful to their beginnings, both the French and English editions are part of a family heritage coming directly from the heart of our Foundress. This year, the M.I.C. Missionary Press celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the launching of LE PRÉCURSEUR.

Sr. Micheline Marcoux, M.I.C., editor-in-chief of LE PRÉCURSEUR, shares with our readers the Jubilee Message of Bishop Jean-Guy Hamelin, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dear Sister Marcoux,

I have just heard that LE PRÉCURSEUR is celebrating its 75th anniversary of foundation this year. How can I not feel a strong sense of admiration and gratitude for all that has been accomplished by LE PRÉCURSEUR since the Foundress of your Community, Sister Délia Tétreault, gave it its first send-off in 1920? On behalf of all my brothers in the episcopate, I hasten to convey to you and to all those associated to the production of your magazine my most sincere congratulations.

LE PRÉCURSEUR reflects the image of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception: it attests the presence of the Church of Canada throughout the world and a missionary vitality coupled with great generosity. Who knows how many vocations were generated over the years by your magazine because of the humanism and evangelical spirit it reflects.

At this time when a great number of Catholic publications face a shaky financial situation, I formulate the wish that your magazine may continue receiving the kind of support that will enable it to pursue for a long time to come its work which is both admirable and essential for the life of the Church and of society. Undoubtedly, LE PRÉCURSEUR is an instrument of evangelization and value transmission for our world. The prize of excellence granted to you last year by the Canadian Association of Catholic Periodicals is, in any case, an unequivocal recognition of the quality of your magazine.

With best regards and the assurance of my fraternal prayer in Jesus Christ. □

† Jean-Guy Hamelin
Bishop of Rouyn-Noranda
President of the Canadian Conference
of Catholic Bishops

75 YEARS OF MISSIONARY PRESENCE IN THE MEDIA

by Charles-Aimé Bolduc, P.M.É.

The M.I.C. Missionary Press celebrates its diamond jubilee! Enlightened by the historical context of the beginning of the century and situated in today's media world, the long life of the M.I.C. mission magazines, LE PRÉCURSEUR (1920) and THE PRECURSOR (1923) is the fruit of a vocation and of a mission. Délia Tétreault saw far and clear. This is how Fr. Charles-Aimé Bolduc, Vicar General of the Société des Missions-Étrangères presents her to us in her work at the service of the Church through the missionary press.

May 1995 will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the M.I.C. Missionary Press, and more specifically, that of LE PRÉCURSEUR. We pay respectful homage to this publication for its quality and persistence. Indeed, if we consider the quantity of newspapers and periodicals of all kinds that have come and gone over the last three quarters of a century, we are forced to realize that it is no small achievement to pass the test of history and to continue serving the public in such a specialized niche as the missionary press. This kind of constancy and fidelity is the hallmark of a vocation.

DÉLIA, A WOMAN OF VISION

The vision and mission of the M.I.C. Missionary Press have secured its success. One cannot speak of vision without calling to mind the memory of Délia Tétreault, the great visionary who gave birth to the first missionary magazine in this country. The "mother of THE PRECURSOR" was fascinated at an early age by missionary magazines from Europe which she read hidden in the attic of her father's house in Marieville, avidly taking in the witness of the heroes and heroines of the Good News. Already at that time, she had a dream of contributing, some day, to the establishment of a missionary press in this country.

With the foundation of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1902, and the burning desire to see, one day, the beginning of a male missionary institute (the Foreign Missions Society), she was the leading force and main catalyst of the missionary awareness which emerged in the Church of this country in the first quarter of the 20th century.



Fr. Charles-Aimé Bolduc, P.M.E.,
Vicar General

Photo: P.M.E., Pont-Viau

The Encyclical "Maximum Illud" of Pope Benedict XV (November 30th, 1919) and the "Canada Apostolique" published the same year by Henri Bourassa, founder and editor-in-chief of Le Devoir, were the backdrop against

which Délia Tétreault moved to action by launching LE PRÉCURSEUR in May 1920. Three years later, she started the English edition, THE PRECURSOR, which became the MIC MISSION NEWS in 1974.

Délia Tétreault felt the urgency of giving the Church of this country a truly missionary press. At any rate, the first issue appropriately reflected the vision of the Foundress: to spread missionary information, on one hand, and to foster missionary formation, on the other, by raising interest in the thinking of the Church, encouraging openness to the Pontifical Works, suggesting actual commitment through prayer

and appealing for spiritual or material offerings, not to forget the "Children's Page".

THE M.I.C. MISSIONARY PRESS, A WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Thanks to the contagious enthusiasm of the Foundress and to the zeal of the sisters who helped with the writing and promotion, the circulation of the new magazine increased drastically:

1920 :	200 copies
1922:	16,000 copies
1923:	8,000 copies
1926:	70,000 copies
1950-1960:	160,000 copies

There are people everywhere who eagerly await the publication of this mission magazine, for it is a window through which we get a little more of a universal perspective each time around. In its pages, we come in contact with witnesses driven by a burning apostolic zeal, who work at the borderline of the possible and the impossible. This missionary periodical with its beautiful photographs gets us to meet people of vastly different countries and their fascinating cultures. To page through the publication over those 75 years is to delve into an encyclopedia or a veritable atlas of ethnology while savouring a great book of faith made alive by a plethora of witnesses. It is like living all over again a whole segment of our own faith history.

Everywhere here at home, in towns and country alike, the "sisters of THE PRECURSOR", as they were called, were part of the landscape: the pastor would announce their visit from the pulpit on Sunday and people were eager to receive them in their homes to hear their "mission stories". What a vast undertaking of missionary animation!



Photo: M. Marcoux, M.I.C.

Délia Tétreault, a woman of vision, played a major role in the awakening and formation of the missionary spirit in the Canadian Church. - Missionary animation kiosk at the University of Montreal, 1994.

IMPORTANCE OF WITNESSES IN THE MEDIA

Is not the mission of LE PRÉCURSEUR and THE PRECURSOR (now MIC MISSION NEWS) to enable witnesses of the Good News to share the sacred fire? As we can see in John's Gospel, in the Acts of the Apostles or in the Epistles of Paul, a witness cannot remain silent, he feels an irresistible urge to tell others about God's wonderful deeds which he has seen and heard. Testimony gives birth to knowledge, and missionary awareness culminates in commitment. How many missionary vocations grew out of the reading of the M.I.C. mission magazines?

Seventy-five years of witnessing to the faith is quite a movement of faith education in the Church of this country. Yes, Délia Tétreault had a clear vision: creating a missionary press in our midst was a necessity. Pope John-Paul II reminded us again of this in his encyclical of 1990:

The first Areopagus of the modern age is the world of communications, which is unifying humanity and turning it into what is known as a 'global village'. The means of social communication have become so important as to be for many the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration in their behaviour as individuals, families and within society at large.
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Congratulations to the M.I.C. Missionary Press! May the M.I.C. mission publications continue guiding and inspiring us. May they always shine, like a diamond, in our media. □

Photo: T. Lortie, M.I.C.



1920-1995: Is not the mission of our publications "to enable witnesses of the Good News to share the sacred flame?"

HEARTFELT HEARTFELT HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear Readers, Collaborators,
Benefactors,
Families and Friends of the M.I.C.'s,
and M.I.C. Sisters throughout the
world.

Our hearts are filled with deep
gratitude. To celebrate 75 years of
history is to commemorate countless
gestures of welcome and generosity
on your part throughout the long
journey we have gone through to-
gether. We make ours the words of
Saint Paul to the Philippians to ex-
press our gratitude and prayerful wish
to the Lord for each one of you:

*I thank my God for you every time
I think of you and every time I pray
for you all, I pray with joy, because
of the way in which you have helped
me in the work of the Gospel, from
the very first day until now... You are
always in my heart!.. For you have all
shared with me in this privilege that
God has given me... to defend and
firmly establish the Gospel. God
knows that I tell the truth when I say
that my deep feeling for you all
comes from the heart of Christ Jesus
himself. Phil 1: 3-4, 7-8.*

Let us continue journeying together
at the service of the Missionary
Church!

The M.I.C. Missionary Press Team
MIC MISSION NEWS & LE PRÉCURSEUR



Some members of the Missionary Press team

Photo: R. Courmayer

75 YEARS OF MISSIONARY INFORMATION

The WORD made flesh... Jesus and His message are made present every day, in manifold ways. One such expression has been and continues to be the Catholic missionary press that reaches thousands of homes in Canada and elsewhere every year. During this 75th Jubilee Year of the spread of the MIC MISSION NEWS and LE PRÉCURSEUR, let us thank God together for the meaningful expressions of faith, love and hope received from our readership. The support and solidarity generated towards the less fortunate of the world have led countless individuals either to commit their lives as missionaries, or to share their possessions in recognition of the Good News that Jesus wanted proclaimed to all mankind.

*Alice Mills, M.I.C.
Promotion of the MIC Mission News*

M.I.C. "VETERAN" SERVES IN PROMOTION WORK

Thanks for your kind welcome, thanks for your interest in our lovely mission magazine LE PRÉCURSEUR initiated in May 1920 by our dear Foundress, Délia Tétreault. She was born in the Diocese of St-Hyacinthe, in Marieville to be exact. I have often had the opportunity to visit this parish, thinking of her. How happy she would be to see your interest in the magazine after 75 years! For my part, I've been a missionary for sixty-seven years already! Who wants to take over for me? I have so much for which to be grateful to the Lord! Together let us thank Him for all that has been done these many years for the cause of evangelization.

Cécile Desmarais, M.I.C.

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of MIC MISSION NEWS, we take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to all our "partners-in-mission" here in Canada and in other parts of the world.

Ed. □

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

BEGINNINGS:

- 1920: launching of LE PRÉCURSEUR by Délia Tétreault, M.I.C. Foundress
- 1923: English edition THE PRECURSOR
- 1974: THE PRECURSOR becomes MIC MISSION NEWS
- 1991: direction of all services of both magazines combined under the name of M.I.C. MISSIONARY PRESS.

OFFICES:

- 1920-1938: Mother House, 314 Ste-Catherine Road, Outremont
- 1938-1971: Mother House, 2900 Ste-Catherine Road, Montréal
- 1971-1995: Pont-Viau, 100 Place Juge-Desnoyers, Laval

HIGHEST CIRCULATION:

- 1952: 172,574 subscriptions to LE PRÉCURSEUR
- 1957: 27,000 subscriptions to THE PRECURSOR

SUBSCRIPTION RATE:

- 1920-1964: 1,00\$
- 1964-1972: 1,50\$
- 1972-1995: 2\$, 3\$, 4\$, 5\$, 7\$

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF:

French Edition:

- 1920-1945: Marie Cloutier, M.I.C.
- 1946-1964: Rhéa Allard, M.I.C.
- 1964-1966: Marcelle Prévost, M.I.C.
- 1966-1973: Gisèle Villemure, M.I.C.
- 1973-1978: Réjane Gaudet, M.I.C.
- 1979-1982: Huguette Turcotte, M.I.C.
- 1983-1984: Paulette Gagné, M.I.C.
- Antoinette Castonguay, M.I.C.
- 1984-1987: Céline Bourbeau, M.I.C.
- 1988-1990: France Royer-Martel, M.I.C.
- 1991-1993: Marie-Paule Sanfaçon, M.I.C.
- 1994- : Micheline Marcoux, M.I.C.

English Edition:

- 1923-1929: Margaret Sherry, M.I.C.
- 1929-1936: Zita Clarke, M.I.C.
- 1936-1940: Rita Blais, M.I.C.
- 1941-1952: Florence Wedge, M.I.C.
- 1952-1979: Madeline Maillet, M.I.C.
- 1980-1983: Maria Anthea Raso, M.I.C.
- 1984-1990: Thérèse LeBlanc, M.I.C.
- 1991- : Maria Anthea Raso, M.I.C.

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- 1920-1991: The editors-in-chief of LE PRÉCURSEUR
- 1991-1994: Micheline Marcoux, M.I.C.
- M.I.C. Missionary Press
- 1994- : Louise Denis, M.I.C.

PROMOTION, BOOKKEEPING, SECRETARIATE, CIRCULATION, AND OTHER SERVICES:

Since the launching of the M.I.C. mission magazines, hundreds of M.I.C.'s, in turn, have carried out these services. Some of them have served many years! Today the secretarial and circulation work is done with the help of lay personnel. Since 1973, hundreds of lay collaborators have been helping with promotion. □

* Notes gathered by Cécile Martel, M.I.C.

MISSIONARY PROMOTION AND FORMATION AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Missionary formation is the task of the local Church, assisted by missionaries and their institutes, and by personnel from the young Churches. This work must be seen not as peripheral but as central to the Christian life. Even for the "new evangelization" of Christian countries the theme of the missions can prove very helpful: the witness of missionaries retains its appeal even for the non-practising and non-believers, and it communicates Christian values. Particular Churches should therefore make the promotion of the missions a key element in the normal pastoral activity of parishes, associations and groups, especially youth groups!

With this end in view, it is necessary to spread information through missionary publications and audiovisual aids. These play an important role in making known the life of the universal Church and in voicing the experiences of missionaries and of the local Churches in which they work. □

Jean-Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, No. 83

M.I.C. Motherhouse, Outremont - original headquarters of our publications



Photos: H. Turcotte, M.I.C.



M.I.C. Convent, Pont-Viau, Laval - present headquarters

**75 years of service to the missionary Church !
Together, we look forward to the year 2000...**



Staff members welcome with joy Fr. Ernest Corriveau, Superior General of the La Salette Fathers (2nd left) and Fr. Donald Pelletier (1st left), project initiator.

Sr. Adrienne Guay (center) and the book store personnel, all set to welcome customers.

EVANGELIZATION THROUGH THE MEDIA



by Adrienne Guay, M.I.C.

Aetatis Novae stresses that the media "can and must be instruments for the service of the new evangelization programme". A book store project for the Diocese of Morondava was initiated by the La Salette Missionaries. With her experience at the Catholic Book Store of the Diocese of Antsirabe, Sr. Adrienne Guay accepted to take on the responsibility as directress and manager of this new venture, welcoming it as a challenge and a mission.

UNDERTAKING A NEW PROJECT



At the end of my stay in Canada in 1991, in response to a renewed request of the La Salette Fathers and in accord with the authorities of my community, I agreed to set up a Catholic book store in Morondava. Sr. Jeanne Desclos, M.I.C., Provincial Superior, saw in this initiative added to the works which we presently direct and animate in Madagascar, another way of commitment in the media, within the universal Church, for the evangelization of all people.

On my return to Madagascar, I found public services - the mail, the telephone and the other services, quite disorganized. It took eight months for letters to reach their destination. The construction of the future book store progressed slowly. I scribbled plans for the shelves and counters and felt I was in no way an architect! With patience, gifts came our way in

due time. The book store shelves were made by Brother Celse, M.S. and his team at the Mission workshop. We hoped to set up a self-supporting book and stationery store. To take a break from construction plans, I went shopping in Antananarivo and in Fianarantsoa, quite far in the south of the island. It was encouraging to find religious and cultural books in Malagasy and French as well as a variety of school supplies and stationery.

RESPONDING TO A NEED

In addition to pursuing the goal of evangelization through the media, the book store was also set up to help average and poor families of the area. Social justice was at the center of this new project. This was a challenge, as everyone questioned the need of a book store in this remote town. How could it survive in this place where so many seasoned merchants had long been established? The situation was not very

encouraging but I trusted *Life*. The project was entrusted to me and although I didn't know exactly how it would come about, I kept going one step at a time. God was a partner in this project... He would do the rest. Indeed, there was love and the work of a whole team of competent people, I had the support of my companions and there was faith and hope! The Catholic Book Store of Morondava opened its doors to the public on March 19th, 1992.

The store continues to carry book-marks and cards with religious or special messages, such as words of Délia Tétreault. Malagasy song books and local artefacts are available as souvenirs of the country. Many are amazed at seeing "such a fine book store" in such a remote area... By shopping in every nook and cranny of the capital city, we managed to be stocked well enough and to plan for special events and seasonal displays: Back-to-School, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and Vacations. This way of presenting the merchandise was a novelty in the region. More importantly, it enabled us to reach a great number of people, including visitors and tourists.

Good service at the book store along with low prices on the merchandise proved a little disturbing for local merchants unaccustomed to compete for low prices. But how could they hold a grudge against the new directress and manager who was their former directress at the Immaculate Conception College? Our former pupils are now parents and wholesale and retail dealers. I lived this situation gently and patiently, as one faces life in Madagascar. Having known these people all these years, I have become a sort of *ray aman d'reny* (father-mother figure) to them. They wanted us to remain friends. This relationship of communion, or *fiavanana*, is an essential Malagasy value.

A PLACE OF BONDING

Thanks to our missionary friends of Antsirabe, we were supplied with books, pictures and religious items that were non-existent in Madagascar. After eight months of waiting, and with the help of Brother David, our orders finally arrived from Rome and Milan. Indeed, many generous people lent a



The new book store, a place of bonding.

helping hand in the initial stage of the project... a situation which our team faced with quiet peace and assurance.

The people say that they like coming to the book store. They find the shelves and furniture well arranged, and the displays harmonious. I believe that example is a driving force... to such an extent that several stores in the area started to unclutter their window displays and shelves. Lydia and Aurélien have helped a lot with reception and service to all our visitors and clients. With the coming of Jean-Pierre, a seminarian, the team functioned more smoothly. And, as the number of customers increased, so did the work! Oftentimes, people came just to meet friends or to chat with us. From the very beginning, the book store has been and is now more and more a place of bonding.

THE PROJECT LIVES ON!

In July 1993, we welcomed to our team, Jean Tornafol, a 24-year-old La Salette aspirant from France. I saw that this young man had the capacity to take over my work in the book store while I would be in Canada. I was happy to work with him for a few months, teaching him how to work in this country. The book store personnel being well trained and the work well off the ground, I returned to my own country with peace of mind and heart. However, new surprises were in store for us: health problems held me back in Canada, and at the book store, a fa-

tal accident caused the death of the La Salette Brother who was a member of the staff. We received some good news too: Jean was admitted to the novitiate in France.

Left with three staff members, it was quite difficult to run the book store, considering its size and the demands of the clientele. But the Lord took care of things!.. The Malagasy Sisters of Our Lady of La Salette came to the rescue. I cannot but call to mind Délia Tétreault's words: "No matter who does the good work, as long as it is done". And so we can say concerning the book store, that God has always walked with us in tangible ways. He has done for us more than we could ever have thought or imagined... □

1995 MISSIONARY INTENTIONS

MAY

That young people,
like the Blessed Virgin Mary,
be prompt in their responses
to a missionary vocation.

JUNE

That active Christians
help to conquer
the challenge of AIDS.



Bonds were created... now we have to keep the fire burning.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE PHILIPPINES

by Julie Ayotte and Sylvie Jacques

*The first World Youth Day held in Rome in 1985 was followed by similar encounters attended by young people throughout the world. Manila, Philippines, hosted the tenth World Youth Day in January 1995. Taking the theme, "As the Father sent me, I also send you", Pope John Paul II called on the youth of the world to join "the never-ending mission to proclaim the Gospel of salvation to the ends of the earth." Two young pilgrims from Trois-Rivières recall this momentous event, which was enriched by a unique experience provided by the M.I.C.'s of the Philippines. **

After the last three World Youth Day events (Spain, Poland, U.S.A.), a delegation from Trois-Rivières responded again this year to the invitation of Pope John-Paul II. Riding on the wings of our faith, we committed ourselves with great eagerness to a journey which took us to the ends of the world and to the end of a dream, to the beautiful Philippine Islands.

THE MANGYANS OF MINDORO

We began our stay with a three-day immersion in the Mangyan tribe of the island of Mindoro. A scenery of extraordinary beauty awaited us! Mutual acquaintance was achieved through eye contact and simple gestures. Daniel, one of the members of our group, had brought a game of "magic sticks", which was quick to capture the curiosity of

the little ones. This made it easier to establish contact with them. Later, we had opportunities to share our cultures through song, dance and various ceremonies.

The Mangyans have but few material possessions, yet the beauty of their generous smiles speaks of their interior richness. Délia Tétreault, M.I.C. Foundress, believed that: "Joy is the best thanks we can give to God". These people live peacefully, in love and respect. Among the peak moments of our pilgrimage, the greatest one was the experience of the missions, because of its sheer simplicity and human depth. "I wanted to check during this trip whether the missionary life still excited me. I realize that I am indeed called to go back there some day", confided Caroline, 23.

Getting involved in such projects really makes one think about life and about the world. The differences that exist on the same planet are beyond our comprehension. We were literally taken off guard, with our North American mindsets, by the warmth of these islanders.

"With regard to poverty, what concerns me is not so much the opulence in which we live as the fact that we no longer have the sense of gratitude; we take everything for granted. Our society moves about with an attitude of carelessness and we seem to accept this more or less. The memory I cherish the most is that of the Filipinos' ability to welcome others and their sense of wonder which lie deep in their eyes." Pascal Héon, 24.

DAUGHTERS OF DÉLIA TÊTREAU

After visiting Siyapo, home of the Mangyans, we went to the densely populated town of Santa Cruz. The Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception have been working in these rural settlements for a few years already, especially in education and evangelization. These are the Sisters who so kindly accepted to host our group from Trois-Rivières as well as the delegations from Quebec and Montreal. We were both surprised and impressed by the quality of the organization of food, accommodation and transportation. All was provided for and everything was perfect for us.

"How can I not emphasize the devotedness of these women whom I kept coming across during my pilgrimage to the Philippines. If I returned home overwhelmed with joy and love, it is undoubtedly because of the love which the M.I.C.'s bestow on the men, women and children to whom they devote themselves. The daughters of Délia Têtreault continue to make the legacy of their foundress yield fruit by inventing each day new ways to express the love of neighbour", commented Pierre Montreuil, a journalist of the Diocese of Trois-Rivières.

AN EXPERIENCE OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Our group composed of eight girls and four young men, then took part in the catechetical teachings and celebrations of the world rally itself. The delegates from France took on the organization of three mornings of teaching for the French-speaking delegates, dealing respectively with Love, Hope and Faith. Recalling the vigil and the final Mass with the Pope, Marc Lahaie, a 28-year-old priest and member of our group, put it this way: "I saw and participated in the transfiguration of the universal Church into the Kingdom of God. Imagine being surrounded by four million young people, priests and bishops conquered and waving in acclamation!"

Our pilgrimage ended with a visit to the island of Panay, with the Brothers of Christian Schools. Jean-Pierre Houle, whom I had met in Canada, and his Community gave us a warm welcome. It was a good opportunity for celebration, fraternal sharing and joyful prayer.



Photos: P. Montreuil

Sr. Asuncion Camajalan presents a sampaguita, the Philippine national flower, to Marylène Hains.

Daniel Rocheleau performs a trick with his 'magic rod' for a Mangyan friend.



Fr. Marc Lahaie (who accompanied the Trois-Rivières delegation) celebrates the Eucharist in the chapel of Siyapo.



THE YOUTH AS EVANGELIZERS

We lived an incredible experience of exposure to a foreign culture, an experience which enriched us personally, humanly and spiritually. The cultural shock of the missions caused several members of our group to question their own values. *"In the midst of abject poverty, I came across the greatest generosity in the world, and I rediscovered how to love. Love is the most vital thing in life."* (Marylène Hains, 19). We discovered a people, we discovered a country. We are now filled with new energy. As Jesus sent His disciples out into the world, so does Pope John II invite us now to spread love and joy among those around us, prompted by the Spirit.

"What an experience was the tenth World Youth Day in the Philippines! It seems to me that the smiles and the sunshine of Asia are still engraved in my heart. At the other end of the world, the Church has children who know how to communicate joy and who possess an innate sense of hospitality. The message to young people delivered by Pope John Paul II was one of hope and love; it left me with a burning love for the youth of my country. Bonds were created... It is now up to us to keep the fire burning..." Sylvie Gagné, Youth Ministry, Diocese of Trois-Rivières. □

* We wish to thank all those of this country and of the Philippines who made our pilgrimage of faith possible.



A pilgrim from Montreal joins a Philippine delegation at Rizal Park.

International gathering of young pilgrims at Rizal Park.

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN MANILA

On the occasion of the Pope's meeting with the youth of the world in Manila, the M.I.C. Sisters experienced being chosen and sent to tell the world about God's love in unique ways. Theirs was the rare privilege of housing delegates from Canada, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines at the Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA) and of facilitating, for the Canadian youth delegation, a mission exposure among Tribal Filipinos in Mindoro. For the young pilgrims, Pope John Paul's invitation "to learn to proclaim all that the message of Christ contains for the true liberation and genuine progress of humanity" became even more meaningful and urgent.

JOURNEYING WITH THE YOUTH

Sixty-four delegates from Quebec City, Trois-Rivières and Montreal, with their respective priest coordinator, experienced a mission exposure in Mangyan settlements in Mindoro. Organized by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, this exposure aimed to awaken the young delegates to their missionary responsibility and to provide them with opportunities for an inter-cultural encounter with the Mangyans. The group of 23 from Quebec City went to

Sipuyo, the group of 12 from Trois-Rivières, to Siyapo and the group of 29 from Montreal, to Calamintao. The M.I.C. Sisters of Mindoro, with some Sisters of Manila and Taiwan, facilitated the programme of activities.

The delegates participated very generously in all the activities. Language, color, height, etc., proved to be no barriers in the cultural exchanges. The Mangyans felt so honoured by the visit. For them, it was an experience of genuine fellowship, unity and love. They

HEARTS ON FIRE FOR THE MISSION

by Gemma De Grandpré, M.I.C.

A diamond jubilee! A turning point has been reached in the promotion of our mission magazines. For years, the M.I.C. Sisters, missionaries in "white and blue", travelled through cities and villages, visited parishes, schools, and thousands of families in Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Eastern U.S.A. to offer the magazine *LE PRÉCURSEUR* and its English version *THE PRECURSOR*. Today, hundreds of people collaborate with the M.I.C.'s who devote themselves to the same work. These men and women, conscious of their own responsibility in the spreading of the Gospel, help to promote the missionary press in their families, neighbourhoods and parishes. Sr. Gemma de Grandpré, who is in-charge of lay collaborators for *LE PRÉCURSEUR*, shares with us some of their photos and excerpts of testimonies, telling us about their dedication to the cause of the mission. Beautiful pages from a family album.. and for us, a way of saying THANK YOU!*

WHAT OUR COLLABORATORS SAY

We live the mission in joy and gratuitousness and are deeply attached to it. We greatly admire the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception and their magazine: *LE PRÉCURSEUR*. Their example encourages us to work and to share in their projects in our own way.

Since we cannot go to Asia, Africa or elsewhere, we accept, through a serious and personal process, to reach out to people and to promote the work to which all of us are invited: To spread the Good News of Salvation. Therefore, this missionary volunteer activity allows us to live a concrete experience of faith. We especially wish to help those

most in need and to share with others the gifts we have received so that our brothers and sisters may be happier in the Church of God.

*Thérèse Roy, Sylvie Lessard,
Liana Rodrigue, Julianne Cloutier
and Gaétane Paré,
St-Frédéric*

Here is the result of our work this year. Let us now pray to the Holy Spirit that *LE PRÉCURSEUR* may be read and that it may bear fruit. Thank you for the Masses and the good prayers offered for the collaborators; we all need them.

Albert and Lucienne Dumont, Dégelis



Promotion of *LE PRÉCURSEUR*: Sr. Thérèse Gendron, Sr. Gemma De Grandpré, coordinator, Sr. Marie-Berthe Beaumont and devoted collaborators, Mr. and Mrs. Guay (parents of Sr. Adrienne), Albanel.



Mrs. Thérèse Robitaille and her family, Sr. Claire Préville (top right) and Sr. Évangéline Plamondon, Superior General (front center) in Joliette.



Collaborators
of St-Frédéric

The team of Ste-Rose du Dégelis,
Sr. Jeanne d'Arc Corriveau (front, 3rd left)



I am happy to be able to do this work which energizes me. I try to get others to understand and appreciate spiritual things; the Lord will do the rest. I pray that the Lord may bless me and the people I visit in order that I may serve better. (...) I do my best. Yet, despite outright refusals sometimes, I wish "Good luck, good health, faith, and virtues to these families whom the Lord loves." I unite my purpose to yours in order to do better next year. I wish I could do more to help you.

Fabienne Roy, Saint-Octave

IMPACT OF MISSIONARY MAGAZINES

Few sermons can be as effective as missionary magazines in making us aware of the responsibility which is ours through Baptism, of responding to Christ's call to "go and teach all nations".

Of course not all Catholics can become missionaries in faraway lands,

but all of them can "go to the missions" in spirit, keep in touch with the apostolic work which is carried out there, develop in themselves a missionary spirit, feel personally evangelized, and thus become better disciples and apostles of Christ, as well as better human beings in their own milieu (...) We find here some down-to-earth and current examples of faith lived on a daily basis, of love of God and neighbour, of mutual cooperation, generous selfgiving and heroic courage as edify-

ing, admirable and moving as the facts published in these magazines with the many convincing and inspiring photographs which illustrate and support them. (...)

When we subscribe to a missionary publication, and especially when as many Catholic families as possible read it, not only does this provide financial and moral support to the missions and encourage missionary vocations, it is also a powerful stim-



ulus for our faith and charity, fervour and zeal - an apostolate which is surely most pleasing to God and blessed by Him.

*Fr. Walter Alexander,
Diocese of Sherbrooke*

PARTNERS IN THE MISSION: A CHALLENGE FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

In the manner of Mary who went at once to share her great joy with her cousin Elizabeth, you too are men and women of the Visitation through your numerous contacts with the people you meet to make them aware of the mission.

Walking in the footsteps of our Foundress, Mother Délia Tétreault, and sharing the charism of thanksgiving which prompted her to launch a missionary magazine in Canada 75 years ago, you are the new generation that ensures the continuity of this work. By your zeal, you contribute in making known the work of our missionaries at home

and abroad, and, who knows, in awakening numerous vocations among young people!

Here is my challenge to all our collaborators for the 75th Anniversary: What about finding 75 subscriptions in your parish? With your cooperation and the generosity of all those who will be inspired to help us too... why not aim at 7,500 additional subscriptions in this Jubilee year ?

Thanks to all the families and to all the religious and parish communities who have welcomed us so warmly over many years. Such a gratuitous welcome makes us very thankful indeed! □

Gemma De Grandpré, M.I.C.

** Due to lack of space, we were unable to feature more photos of our active collaborators. We thank each one of you for the wonderful work you are doing for the mission. May the Lord bless you abundantly!*

Ed.

LAST MINUTE FLASH!

A special mention of *Sr. Digna Ramonita Magtibay, M.I.C.* and *'The Friends of Délia Tétreault'* in the Philippines. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the M.I.C.

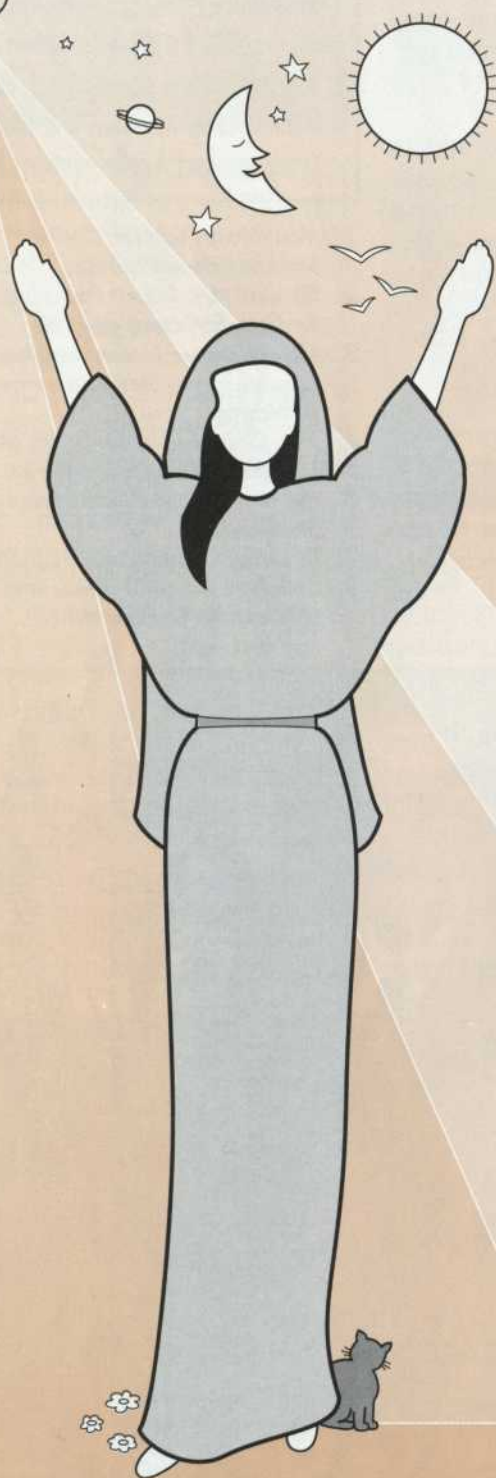
Missionary Press, Sr. Digna and her team organized a drive for subscriptions at our Immaculate Conception Academies in Manila. Congratulations and thanks for your wonderful collaboration! **Ed.**

1. *Mrs. Cécile Fournier, Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocatière*
2. *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fortin (parents of Sr. Lise), St-Octave-de-Métis*
3. *Mrs. Clémence Lessard and her grandchildren, Ste- Marguerite-Marie de Magog*
4. *Mrs. Claire Lajoie, N.-D. des Monts*
5. *Mr. Marcel Gingras, Pont-Viau*
6. *Mr. and Mrs. Louis-René Proulx, Ste-Blandine*
7. *Mrs. Maria Champagne, Lanoraie*
8. *Collaborators of St-Liboire and Sr. Gaëtane Guillemette (top first right)*



Photos: Collaborators

The Mighty One has done
great things for me



Prayer to Our Lady of Joy

Holy Virgin Mary who by giving us Jesus
became the cause of our joy,
Make Him grow ever more in our lives
that His joy may shine in and through us.
Make us understand more clearly that He is,
with you, the only ever flowing source
of stable and deep joy.
May we learn under your influence
how to make all our activities,
even our sufferings,
serve the cause of the advent
of His kingdom of love.
May we thus contribute in drawing many
of our brothers and sisters
of the world and of the Church
to the Kingdom of everlasting joy. Amen.

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Original in French translated by Antoinette Kinlough

Holy is His name

Newsbriefs ... and Excerpts from Letters

The M.I.C. mission publications have certainly left their mark upon generations of readers. In this special anniversary issue, we are pleased to feature excerpts of letters received recently from readers of MIC MISSION NEWS and LE PRÉCURSEUR. These heart-warming messages of appreciation echo to us, in concrete ways, how our mission magazines are welcomed by people of all ages and in varied social spheres. Many of these treasures are kept in the M.I.C. Archives.
Our sincere thanks!

I come to tell you today how happy I feel when the mailman brings me your magazine "LE PRÉCURSEUR". I have known this magazine from the very first years it was published, i.e. in my early childhood. From the time when your sisters went from door to door to collect subscriptions, and from my very first years of marriage, 55 years ago, I have continued receiving it. It is more and more beautiful and interesting. (...)

When reading it through page after page, one can see all the devoted work that is carried out in these mission countries with the support of volunteers and the sponsorship of ASMICs. I read it from cover to cover and then a second and a third time. After this I pass it on to other members of my family. In 1994, the "Year of the Family", your magazine was absolutely beautiful. No doubt it brought much comfort to the readers. My sincere congratulations for the ACPC-INTER prize received by your magazine for 1994. It was well deserved. From a faithful subscriber,

Blanche Aurore Séguin Lizotte, Quebec

Greetings! Thanks for sending me a copy of your latest MIC MISSION NEWS. It is excellent! Congratulations - you are doing a very important work.(...) Every best wish and blessing,

Fr. Cassian Yuhaus, C.P., Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

It is my pleasure to renew my subscription to LE PRÉCURSEUR for 2 years. It is a beautiful magazine: beautiful photographs, excellent coverage, editorials that are enjoyable to read over and over, and even to use as



A faithful subscriber, Mrs. Blanche Aurore Séguin Lizotte celebrates her 80th birthday. Her family has received Le Précurseur since the beginning!



Young people need witnesses. Reading an article may spark a missionary vocation.

a subject of teaching in a prayer group. Its venerable age loves beauty. Happy 75th anniversary! Please convey my compliments and wishes of long life to the magazine and its entire editorial team!

Marie-Paule Pelletier, St-Louis-du-Ha! Ha!, Quebec

I enjoy the MIC MISSION NEWS very much. It is an inspiration to read about the many ministries you are performing and to witness your gentle missionary spirit. Of course, I came to know some of your Sisters while they were ministering here in Toronto at our Mission Office and the Pontifical Works. My good wishes and prayers to your community.(...)

Gratefully in Christ, Bishop Robert Clune, Barrie, Ontario

In response to an invitation from a missionary, Sr. Gemma De Grandpré, M.I.C., I am sending these 12 subscriptions, all of which include members of my family. My purpose is to help the missionaries, of course... but also to make the magazine LE PRÉCURSEUR known to each one of them. It is my hope that they will renew their own subscriptions next year. I count on the good prayers of the M.I.C. Sisters. (...)

Françoise Arbour, Saint-Alphonse

To our dear little sisters who continue the work initiated by our wonderful great aunt, Sr. Délia Tétreault, my mother's aunt.

I thank you very much for your prayers, which we always need. We pray for all of you and send a warm hello.

Thérèse M. Thérout - Lafont, Alberta

I enjoy reading your magazine. I have kept every issue since I first started receiving them. I love reading about the wonderful work you are doing in Taiwan, South America and other areas, since I myself have come to Canada from another country.

Ivan M Joachim, Gloucester, Ontario

Your calendar is just beautiful - in a class by itself. Your magazine is always full of so much joy - a great inspiration for me. God bless and I do pray for your work.

G. Foley

(...) Once I have finished reading your magazine, I pass it on to other people, placing it in waiting rooms in hospitals or elsewhere. It is a very interesting magazine; the presentation, the quality of the photographs and the content invite the reader to follow you from a distance... I hope your magazine continues being the link between your missionaries at home and abroad and the families that receive it.

Thérèse Beauregard, Rock Forest, Quebec



The Quebec delegation and a Mangyan in Mindoro

INTENTIONS OF PRAYER RECEIVED

My intentions are for your Sisters of the Philippines who, through their loving, patient and generous hospitality, enabled young people from here to live a meaningful and enriching faith experience during the Pope's visit to that country. Thanks again, and I pray to Mary with you that your missionary works may never cease to bear such good fruits.

I am a pilgrim full of enthusiasm and joy at having met such Christian fervour among the Filipino people, and I conclude by commending to your prayers my spiritual journey that I may respond ever more generously to

the call of Our Lord, which I feel in the depth of my heart. Bye, till the next time! □

The Hong Kong delegates and ICA students in Greenhills, Manila



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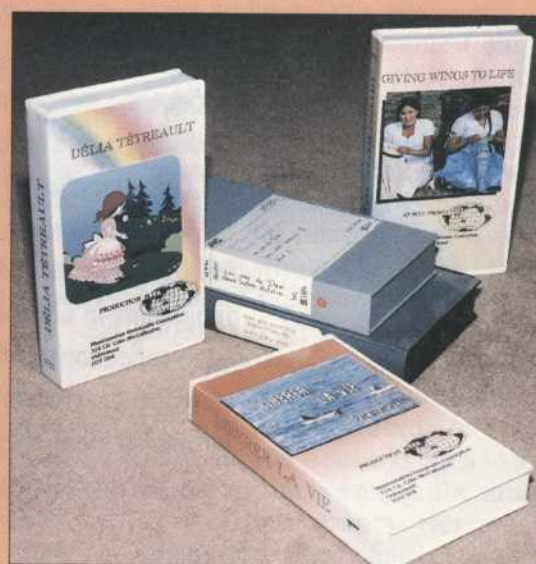
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Délia, a Witness for Today

Délia Tétreault, the child, loved to read. As an adult, she believed in the power of the media as an effective means of sharing the Good News. Like her, the M.I.C.'s of today are conscious of the importance of the media. A newspaper contest and a videotape programme are two ways to convey a message. Sr. Noëlla Parent, M.I.C., a teacher at the Collège Rachel in Montreal, and Sr. Michelle Paquette, M.I.C., a teacher at the M.I.C. Centre for immigrants in Quebec, share with us some of the reflections of their students following activities that made Délia Tétreault better known to them and enabled them to see her as a witness in their lives.

DISCOVERING A FRIEND OF GOD

I make friends among God's friends was the theme of a history contest for young people launched in Montreal:

- You learn about people who loved God in your country.
- What would you like to imitate in the life of this person?
- What will that change in your life?

One of the names proposed was Délia Tétreault. At collège Rachel, Sr. Noëlla Parent's students of Secondary 3 showed interest in this activity which was featured in a newspaper.*

Sr. Noëlla confided, when giving us these excerpts on the life of Délia Tétreault written by her students, that she can't help being thrilled by the thought that, still today, our Foundress really works in the hearts of many young people of all nationalities:

- I think and I can say that her prophetic dream - a wheatfield where the ears are



Oratory of
Délia Tétreault's Tomb
in Pont-Viau

Photo: T. Lortie, M.I.C.

changed into heads of children of all nationalities - has become very much a reality today at the Collège with its nineteen nationalities.

Tamarre Petit-Nau

- Délia is a woman of peace. I would like to become a wonderful missionary like her to help people with problems. I would also like to give myself to the Lord, to give Him everything that is beautiful in me.

Mélitza Lafleur

- Délia, what a great missionary! She is a model of how to find happiness. She is truly like Mother Teresa, like Jesus! She is a woman of peace, joy and love. What a wonderful example for me!

Suzanne Bras

- When I read the story of Délia, I wanted to be like her. I wanted to serve God and to dedicate my life to Him.

Kassandre Bertrand

- I find that Délia was very lucky. It was a gift of God that she should feel ready to offer her heart to Him. It's unfortunate that young people today don't look for God, for He's the only one who can help us.

Sandra Flores

- As I read the story of Délia, many desires formed in my mind. I shall try to achieve the goals I set for myself each day. I wish so much that the missionaries of Délia continue their wonderful work throughout the world. Thanks for them from everyone.

Elsa Mendes

- I was very impressed by the life of Délia. Her life was not always easy, but in spite of all, Délia always did the will of God. She taught me that love and faith are stronger than everything else. Délia also left her future in the hands of God for she trusted Him entirely. She kept thanking Him.

Ana-Bela Cosme

- She was an ordinary woman who did some extraordinary things. She was filled with God's message. She had a lot of trials and overcame them by thinking about God. After her example, there are many things I would like to change in my life: more generosity, humility and perseverance. Her compassion led her to forgive without reproach.

Lyne Létourneau

- As I read the life of Délia, I discovered an unknown wellspring within myself. I had the desire to do something great; it seems that there are no limits for me to make the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ known to all.

Linda Louis

- A young Canadian's dream of love became a reality. This true story, full of spiritual lessons, shows us that it is possible to make our dreams come true, and that with perseverance, one can reach that which seems impossible.

Daphnée St-Louis



Photo: Collège Rachel

Among the "friends of God", these students of Collège Rachel chose Délia Tétréault as a source of inspiration in their life.

A WOMAN WITH A HEART OF GOLD

At the M.I.C. Centre in Quebec, the feast of the Immaculate Conception was the occasion for a gathering of immigrants from around forty countries and teachers of various communities. After showing a video on the life of Délia, Sr. Michelle Paquette quoted a few excerpts of reflections written by students. She could rightfully say: "Yes, the Lord has done great things!"

- A woman with a heart of gold... I found that Délia was a "great woman" for she devoted her life to helping others. There should be many people like her in the world.

Craig

- Here at the M.I.C. Centre, the ideas and desires of Délia have come alive today, they have become a reality. For us newcomers from different countries, good teaching in the learning of French gives us assurance and makes it easier for us to integrate in this country.

Gheorghe

- I am not connected to any religious group, to any community of believers in God. I come from a country (Czech Republic) which was long ruled by a totalitarian regime where everything was controlled by the Communists. It was very difficult to get anywhere near religion. But I have a great respect for those who are faithful to their belief in God. In my view, it is very important in life to believe in someone or something. The love of God makes one do great things... This explains the mission of Délia Tétréault. Her heart was open to all people and, above all, to the situation of immigrants. Her great dream came true in Quebec, where she opened a mission to welcome the Chinese and other immigrants and help with their integration in their new environment. What strikes me about this great nun is the spirit she tried to impart to her Community: to look upon people from all countries as members of one great family.

Vladimira □

*Jesus, Marie et notre temps



Photo: M.I.C., Québec

Language students at the M.I.C. Centre for immigrants in Quebec continue to realize Délia Tétréault's dream of universality.

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Germaine Veilleux, M.I.C.
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