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In the Country of the Origins



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MISSIONARY INTENTIONS 2001

October

That at the dawn of the Third Christian Millennium, the missionary impetus of the First Pentecost be renewed.

November

That through the active participation of Christians, the media may be instruments of missionary evangelization.

December

That Christian humanism may illumine, through Gospel values, the cultures of Asia.

We Live the Dream!

By Maria Anthea Raso, M.I.C.

In 1902, Délia Tétreault accepted the challenge of laying the foundation of the first missionary Institute of women in Canada. Anticipating the missionary encyclicals, she dared to push forward and direct her little crew to other shores of the world, especially to those where the Gospel message was yet unknown. It was an exciting moment in our history, a time of birth with all the pain, struggle and joy that it entails.

Considered against the background of the times in which she lived, Délia Tétreault's missionary dream now seems nothing short of risky and even reckless. In 1908, as soon as Rome had declared all mission lands open to the Community she had recently launched, she responded to a call which came from China. Our Sisters embarked on their first foreign mission in 1909. This took place at the beginning of a century when crossing seas was long and perilous, when human and financial resources were insufficient. Délia Tétreault welcomed such a daunting task because she harboured a dream in her heart: *To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, especially to those who do not know Him*. This dream continues to inspire her missionaries today as they face varied situations in the new millennium. They are captivated by the same dream, they believe in it, they live it!

Through the years, our Community drew on the background, personalities and talents of the members to develop broader approaches to sharing the Gospel message. Continually growing and adapting to the needs of the people they serve here in Canada and in different parts of the world, our missionaries regard their most important role as pastoral agents of the Gospel message. The vigour of this commitment to mission remains ever alive, marking each passing year solely as another beginning in an ongoing response to Christ's call and to being *sent*.

The Calendar 2002 issue of MIC MISSION NEWS announced the centennial celebration of our Community. With this current publication, the first of a series, we invite our readers to accompany us as we revisit our humble beginnings and development. The centennial editions will recount the story of our Community and its persevering efforts - over a hundred years - to remain faithful to the Gospel and to the signs of the times.

We are especially gladdened by this opportunity to share with our readers an overview of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception today - a smaller, older and more culturally diverse Community. Moving forward as we remember the past, may we be imbued with fidelity to the charism of Délia Tétreault, keeping alive and vibrant the spiritual and apostolic enthusiasm of our origins. Together, let us give thanks and celebrate





Délia Tétreault at 18 years of age

By Céline Gauvin, M.I.C.

It takes time and a great deal of courage to fulfill our dreams. Usually, it is only after many years that just a small part of our hopes becomes a reality. Délia Tétreault's dreams took shape very slowly, and then spread out to vast horizons, being transmitted as a precious heritage to succeeding generations.

Délia was but a child when she became aware of the inner desires and aspirations that were to direct her life. As a little girl, the reading of old magazines of the Propagation of the Faith and of the Holy Childhood impressed her deeply. Around that time, she had a dream that profoundly marked her and which she only recounted towards the end of her life. *"In that dream,"* she said, *"I was kneeling near my bed, and all of a sudden I saw a field of beautiful ripe wheat stretching as far as the eye could see. At a given moment, all those ears of wheat changed into heads of children and I understood at the same time that they represented the souls of heathen children."*

Inspired

Pope Pius X authorized and blessed the foundation of our Community.



Fr. Gustave Bourassa supported the beginnings of our religious family.



The departure of six Sisters in 1909



Canton, China



Outremont, Canada



Japan

beginnings...



The first house of our Institute.
Côte-des-Neiges, Montreal

Struck by the images of this dream, Délia discovered therein a missionary calling. She realized that she not only had deep admiration for the missionary life, but also a strong attraction to the religious life. This was not without some resistance, for she found it difficult to leave everything to become a religious. At 18, she cut her hesitations short and requested her entrance to the Carmel of Montreal. She was refused, undoubtedly because of her frail health. She then turned to the Sisters of Charity of Saint-Hyacinthe, where she was accepted. There, the Lord made her understand that she was to found a Community dedicated to the missions. The inspiration was quite clear: "One evening, I was with the postulants in a

Délia as a child.
Her adoptive parents, Jean Alix and Julie Ponton.
Délia as a young girl

small room performing a quite ordinary activity. It seemed to me that Our Lord was telling me I was later to found a Congregation of women for the foreign missions and work at the foundation of a Seminary similar to the one in Paris..." When a severe epidemic broke out in the Novitiate, Délia was forced to return home to Marieville. The same year, she experienced the Holy Spirit permeating her whole being with the assurance that He would be her guide. Délia thus had her calling confirmed, but she did not know how this would come about.

For nearly 20 more years, she searched patiently to find her way and to achieve her mission. Involved in a ministry for the poor in a low-income district of Montreal, she was continually obsessed by the idea of the foreign missions and wondered: "Shouldn't Canada, which has received the faith through missionaries who came from France, bring in turn this invaluable gift to other countries? Do we not need to organize in this country a formation centre for missionary vocations?" She felt called to work at this, in thanksgiving, in the manner of Mary!

At the beginning of the twentieth century, her missionary plans rapidly came into focus: 1902, opening of a school of formation for young women destined for the foreign missions, and by the same token, founding of the religious family she had wished for; 1904, approbation and blessing of her Institute by Pope Pius X; 1909, first departure of six of her Sisters for China; 1912, 1913... further departures. In ten years, 30 Sisters had left for Asia.



Hong Kong



Haiti



Chile



explosion of various foundations, first related to the missions of China, then to those of Japan and the Philippines. From 1902 to 1933, a period marked by the First World War and by economic crisis, our foundress opened 36 houses, 19 of which were in Asia, 16 in Canada and one in Rome. After her death on October 1, 1941, other countries received her missionaries: Haiti, Cuba, Malawi, Zambia, Madagascar, Taiwan, and later Bolivia, Peru and Chile.

In spite of her great desire to go and see the work of her missionaries, Délia was never able to set out for foreign missions. Her health would not allow it, but she wrote to her missionaries and thus remained in close communication with them wherever they went. She has left more than 2,000 letters, most of which were addressed to her Sisters. This correspondence extends over a period of nearly 40 years.

When Délia sent her first missionaries to Canton, China, she knew that the formation of those young Sisters was barely started and that they would have to face difficult situations. She followed them closely. She asked her daughters how they were, what they needed. She also constantly inquired about their living conditions and about their ministries. She was thus better able to guide and comfort them. With great affection she explained to them what they were to do within the Community, in their relations with religious authorities and in their missionary work. For her, what was most important was the spirit that was to animate all their activities: *"How I thank Our Lord for giving you health, courage, generosity and joy. Keep and increase these treasures, all of you, for they will further the advancement of your mission much more than could all the gold in the world..."* (Letter to Canton, December 9, 1909)

Echoing the daily life of the missionaries as well as the most diverse and unexpected situations that occurred, this correspondence is invaluable as it captures the history of our religious family and the personal history of our Foundress. It enables us to see how our Community, through its works in Canada and in mission countries, integrated itself in the Church of the times, and more especially in the missionary world. One also becomes aware of the many problems that had to be faced in those days. Délia Tétreault left us in these pages all that she was, including an unforgettable spiritual legacy, a spirituality of thanksgiving lived with Mary and bearing fruit through missionary action. ✽



Cuba



Africa



Philippines



The large team of the Mother House

In the Country of the Origins

By Céline Gauvin, M.I.C.

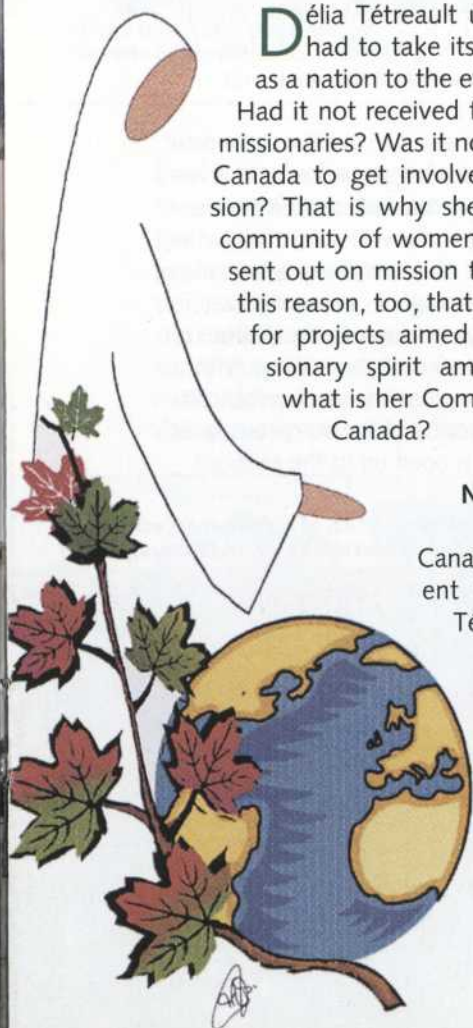
Délia Tétreault understood that Canada had to take its place and commit itself as a nation to the evangelization of peoples. Had it not received faith through the zeal of missionaries? Was it not a duty of gratitude for Canada to get involved in the universal mission? That is why she founded in Quebec a community of women missionaries whom she sent out on mission to foreign lands. It is for this reason, too, that she mobilized her Sisters for projects aimed at awakening the missionary spirit among Canadians. Today, what is her Community's commitment in Canada?

Nothing is the way it was before...

Canada today is totally different from that which Délia Tétreault knew in her day. A complete transformation has taken place. Immigration has made Canada a cultural mosaic. Almost every culture and every religion in the world can be found here.

The country has developed connections with all the other continents. This phenomenon is amplified by free-trade, which is expanding across the Americas: *One continent, one market!* But the issues and challenges of this reorganization of commerce are enormous for the social and economic future of the population of our continent. In what ways will they impact the cultures and the ways of life?... The Church of Canada follows this process closely and engages itself in favour of a genuine solidarity with the least fortunate threatened by a market economy that tends to exclude them from the sharing of global wealth.

Many other challenges also await the Canadian Church. As she prepares to face a profound mutation, much reflection is needed on her part in view of the manner of taking action. This undertaking demands a clear comprehension regarding the evolution of the world and of the society where the engagement takes place. Hence the importance of events such as the Synod of the Churches of America and the first Missionary Congress of America (CAM1) to redefine what type of presence will be hers at the hour of the emergence of a new world order. Inserted in this Church which seeks to found or refound the service of the Gospel in this world, we are invited to live diverse missionary commitments here in our country.



Calling for a New Missionary Spirit

The Church of Canada, always most generous in helping the missions, ranks among the first on the worldwide list of fund-raisers on behalf of needy Churches throughout the world. It also maintains special attention to the activities aimed at raising

our Sisters experience the enormous potential of missionary animation for evangelization. Young Sisters from Africa, Asia and Latin America bring the enthusiasm of their youth and the dynamism of their faith. Their testimony speaks of their gratitude to the missionaries from here who have shared in their countries the gift of faith and who, thanks to



Gabrielle Saucier, M.I.C. (2nd r.), in charge of the missionary animation project in Pont-Viau

missionary awareness. While doing so, it ensures that such activities are adapted to prevailing situations and context.

A good number among us are involved in this missionary service: two standing teams, around twenty Sisters, and some of our missionaries on a temporary stay in Canada. These international teams represent several cultures and countries and different generations of missionaries. Through homilies, share-meals, retreats, sessions, cultural evenings, meetings with students in the schools and their visits in our houses along with their teachers,



Doris Trotter, M.I.C., a dynamic missionary animator

the generosity of benefactors, have established schools, dispensaries, formation centres for women and the youth, etc.

We also use to advantage new modes of presence and insertion. In the diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, we accompany the members of a missionary team called to become agents of evangelization in their own milieu. In the diocese of Montreal, we journey along with a

missionary committee that carries the ecumenical concern and plunges us in the reality of the numerous faces of Christianity. New horizons open up to the Mission!

A parish team of the Diocese of St-Jean, Longueuil, engaged in a new evangelization project. Pauline Boilard, M.I.C. (standing, 1st r.)



Encounter with young people. Ileana Grau, M.I.C. (at centre), Rose-Philomène Gédéon, M.I.C. (standing, r.)

Gertrude Paré, M.I.C. (standing, 4th r.), at a share-meal activity in St-Joachim Parish of Chateauguay



Mission by and for Young People

Some of our Sisters are present with the youth to arouse their missionary engagements and awaken them to a vocation of service to the mission. Diverse projects are offered to them: experiences of service and sharing, accompaniment to discern their missionary call, active participation in World Youth Days.

A social phenomenon is on a marked increase today: periods of commitments abroad. Since several years, our Community has been offering young people special places and times to develop the human and spiritual



Murielle Dubé, M.I.C. (seated, at centre) and the group *Solidarité-Monde* with some friends in Bolivia



After a missionary stage abroad. Pierrette Bélain, M.I.C. (standing, r.)



Jeannine Bélair, M.I.C., in charge of the project *Solidarité-Monde*

dimension of such projects. Bolivia, Haiti, Taiwan, Philippines, Peru and Chile have, each in turn, been host countries to the members of *Solidarité-Monde* for periods of five weeks or of two to three months. The young people have placed their competence at the service of the local people in dispensaries, schools, day care centres.

Lay People Engaged in the Mission

Missionary life is increasingly becoming a vast collective project in which the input of lay people is proving to be an original and highly qualified contribution. For 25 years, we have been working in partnership with these people who, in different ways of life, share the same call. We find these lay missionaries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and in Lebanon. Between the years 1994 and 2000, we have welcomed in



A group of lay persons in missionary formation. Huguette Crête, M.I.C. (1st row, 1st l.)



Lay missionaries who left for a mission overseas and the Sisters who have accompanied them in their formation: Agathe Durand, M.I.C., Provincial Superior, Carole Guévin (Lebanon), Cécile Ménard, M.I.C., Caroline Lafleur (Lebanon), Suzanne Beaupré (Haiti).

our midst nine lay missionaries on long-term projects and 81 others on short-term projects in education, health care, social work and other services. A few among us are involved in an inter-community formation programme for lay missionaries. A close look affirms the fact that new initiatives ever continue to enliven the Mission.

In the Media World

A woman of vision, a missionary with a fiery heart, Délia Têtreault had an ardent desire to inform and form people with respect to the universal mission of the Church, to promote missionary vocations and to facilitate the sharing of spiritual and material resources. In 1920, Délia launched our magazine, *LE PRÉCURSEUR* and three years later, the English version, *THE PRECURSOR*, which in 1974 became *MIC MISSION NEWS*. Through these publications, Délia

the cry of the poorest of the poor and to remind us of the rights of those who are excluded.

A large number of people work at the publication, circulation and promotion of our missionary magazines. In all parts of Quebec, approximately 400



The team of the M.I.C. Missionary Press. Louise Denis, M.I.C., directress (seated, at centre)

wanted to give an account of the work of the Sisters of our Community and inform our benefactors of the fruits of their great generosity.

Our Congregation has always favoured this approach of working for the mission. This has not always been an easy road to travel, but it has enabled us to make the universal Church visible at the level of everyday life, and to spread a fervent missionary spirit which has crossed many boundaries. Today, we find subscribers to our magazines in 28 countries of the world. These reviews remain an eloquent reminder of the contribution of women missionaries in the 20th century.

Today as in the past, the content is ensured by witnesses of the mission who are well informed about the people with whom they have worked for many years. They have the ability to blend evangelization with development, to echo

people have been working with us for many years at spreading our publications. For our collaborators, it is an experience permeated by generosity, courage and solidarity. How very fortunate we are to be able to count on them. Indeed, we will never be able to thank them enough!



Four of our Sisters on a parish visit to promote our publications



Collaborators continue their indispensable cooperation for our missionary magazines.

Heading in a New Direction

In the last few years, the team of the *M.I.C. Multimedia Centre* has created a number of animation aids in the form of videos to spread information about Délia Tétreault and the work of our Community in the four corners of the world. With the advent of numerous media channels and of the Internet, new ways of proclaiming the Gospel are now open to us.

Launched on October 27, 1999, our M.I.C. web site www.soeurs-mic.qc.ca has since had some 12,000 visitors from 45 countries. A visit to this address will give an overview of our Community. It provides news of our missionaries and of their work here and abroad. The site also presents a number of texts on Délia Tétreault, her spirituality and her missionary projects. Our web site visitors will get to know how to become a part of certain networks of solidarity and sharing. An interesting menu is offered in three languages: French, English and Spanish, involving the contribution of several translators. For the centennial of our Community, the team of the *Multimedia Centre* has prepared a CD-ROM that will likely be of interest to people of all ages.



The Team of the M.I.C. Multimedia Centre: Thérèse Lortie, M.I.C., Colette Belley, M.I.C., Sylvie Desrosiers, Marie-Paule Charbonneau, M.I.C., Monique Bigras, M.I.C.

In Solidarity with Immigrants

Canada is a land of hope for many people affected by misfortune: civil wars or regional conflicts, natural disasters, tragic situations of poverty and violence. Different levels of government and many non-governmental organizations (NGO) are involved in receiving immigrants and in offering various programmes to help them become integrated in their new country. Conscious of the needs of new arrivals, the Church of Montreal offers pastoral services that are adapted to and in keeping with those needs.

Ever since its foundation, our Community has been in solidarity with immigrants and has been involved in pastoral programmes on their behalf. In Côte-des-Neiges, an area in Montreal densely populated by the immigrants, *PROMIS* (Promotion - Integration - new Society), an organization founded

by Andrée Ménard, M.I.C., has become a centre of social integration for the newcomers. The team consists of 250 persons, 200 of whom are volunteers of various origins. Some Sisters are involved in different projects: support of families, French language courses, twinning and practical information on job seeking.



PROMIS: Andrée Ménard, M.I.C., directress (seated, at centre) and members of her team



Maria Teresa Trujillo, M.I.C. (1st l.) and the liturgy teams in N. D. de Guadalupe, Montreal

María Teresa Trujillo, M.I.C., has been involved for 20 years in parish ministry at the Latin American Catholic Mission in Montreal. She works in a community that includes 19 nationalities of Latin America. Originally from Cuba, a missionary in Peru for seven years, and then in Guatemala for 12 years, she continues to provide a meaningful presence in our milieu.

Jacqueline Brage, M.I.C., from Cuba, is committed to the youth ministry of the Diocese of Montreal as coordinator of JOCAIM (Catholic Iberian-American Youth of Montreal), which she founded in 1996. This group is made up of some 60 Latin American young people of eight parishes of Montreal. JOCAIM aims at creating bonds of friendship among the youth of the city, opening them to the mission in their own milieu and



Jacqueline Brage, M.I.C. (2nd r.) and the JOCAIM group



A painting by Mr. Tilly Milton presented to our Sisters in appreciation for the 80 years of service to Oriental patients at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital of Vancouver

allowing them to actively participate in major youth gatherings in this country and abroad.

Fleurette Lagacé, M.I.C., is directress of the missionary promotion centre of the organization, *Amitié-Chine*, founded to encourage solidarity with China and the dialogue with the Universal Church.

A Variety of Commitments

The Church steers its course in a pluralistic society here and social life is no longer wrapped in the Christian faith. Religious practices are no longer part of the mores and customs as they used to be. A large number of baptized people have drifted away from the Church. We are experiencing a decrease in the number of priests, the shutting down or merging of parishes. In Quebec, confessional religious education and the service of animation in the school are called into question.

We are challenged by the needs for evangelization of the Church in the country. Depending on each one's



Louise Pagé, M.I.C., Msgr Mario Paquette, Episcopal Vicar of the Central Region, Diocese of Montreal and Sylvie Lemay



Group of Sisters engaged in diverse ministries

call and missionary experiences, the commitments vary: parish work, collaboration in community organizations, etc. Whatever form our presence may assume, the education of faith is at the heart of our pastoral work. Louise Pagé, M.I.C. and Paulette Gagné, M.I.C., are involved in diocesan pastoral work, one in Montreal, the other in Joliette. Through their service, they meet with those in charge of the Christian initiation of the youth in parishes and offer them resources for formation and awareness in this domain.



Helen Hong, M.I.C. (l.), works with the Chinese community at Corpus Christi Parish, Vancouver.



Jeanne Vallée, M.I.C. (1st row, centre) and some parishioners of Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde, Longueuil

Louise Sauvé, M.I.C., member of the Justice and Faith team of the pastoral unit of Pont-Viau



Team members of the diocesan services of the Church of Joliette. Paulette Gagné, M.I.C. (2nd r.), provincial councillor

Accompaniment

Many people, young or adult, seek wisdom to live a better life. We try our best to respond to their desire of being accompanied in a psychological or spiritual journey. Rita Bélinsky, M.I.C., trained in the psycho-pedagogy of personal growth, facilitates PHR (*Personality and Human Relations*) sessions and offers individual counseling. As a psychotherapist and sexologist, Marie-Paule Ross, M.I.C., on her part, works toward helping individuals develop their life potential and become more free and responsible.



Marie-Joseph Desrochers, M.I.C., gives private courses at Pont-Viau.

In Social Work

The commitment towards the poorest of the poor is a concern that preoccupies our entire Community. Some of us are present to prisoners or to persons afflicted with AIDS. Others offer services in a community centre in a poor vicinity. Some are involved in a kitchen-on-wheels and in soup kitchens. Our Sisters often work in conjunction with diverse organisms. Thus, Olivette Coté, M.I.C. is our Community representative in the *Association des religieuses pour la promotion des femmes* (ARPF - Association of Religious Sisters for the Promotion of Women). The group has the mandate to sensitize us and others with regard to the difficult life lived by women in our environment and to involve us, in one way or another, in the ongoing effort to improve their actual situation.



Felicitas Tobias, M.I.C. and participants in the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults, Vancouver



Micheline Marcoux, M.I.C. (l.), at Holy Name Parish, Vancouver. She is currently provincial councillor and secretary.



Thérèse Gendron, M.I.C. and Marie-Berthe Beaumont, M.I.C., are active volunteers at St-Maxime's Soup Kitchen of Laval.



The Coordination Team of ARPF. Olivette Coté, M.I.C. (1st row, l.)



Nurses offer competent care to itinerants at Accueil Bonneau. Gaétane Perron, M.I.C. (1st r.)



Nurse and naturotherapist, Gabrielle Duchesne, M.I.C., gives a service of listening and healing.



Marie-Paule Ross, M.I.C. (1st row, l.) and her students

One Large Family

We have presently several fraternities, which, each in its own way, has its own history, its physiognomy and commitments. It is in these milieus that we find the nourishment we need to live our apostolic, affective and spiritual life in depth. There we find Sisters who share our joys, our difficulties and our sorrows. Each one is called to bring her collaboration in diverse community services according to her talents and capabilities. This environment facilitates our encounter with God and helps us to fulfill our personal and community mission today.



An M.I.C. community of Montreal

Partners in our Mission

All over the world, lay people are developing new ways of being and living as Church. Something amaz-



of solidarity and belonging with our Community have deepened. They are more and more rooted in the spirituality of missionary thanksgiving. Attentive to their own environments, they live multiple solidarities: family, professional, social. They make themselves available to be involved in projects more specifically connected to our missionary reality: the youth group *Solidarité-Monde*, volunteer help with our senior or sick Sisters, etc. With them, a new era of cooperation and commitment opens before us.



Antoinette Jean, M.I.C. (seated, l.) and some ASMIC of Joliette

ing is happening: lay people are associating themselves to religious communities to share in their spirituality and in their apostolic work. The women and men associated to our Community are called ASMIC (Associates of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception). In Canada, there are now nearly a hundred of them scattered in the different cities of Quebec: Montreal, Laval, Quebec, Joliette, St-Jean, Granby... Through the years, their bonds



Celine Bourbeau, M.I.C. (l.) and some ASMIC of Granby

Source of Animation

Quebec is central to the history of our Community. Here is found the setting in which Délia lived and the places of her early foundations.

The services of *General Administration* of the entire Institute are situated in Outremont. Five Sisters compose the General Council. They have the responsibility for the spiritual and apostolic animation of our communities in the 14 countries where we work. Theirs is the important task of ensuring a better quality of religious life and a more effective service of the Mission. This calls for an intense experience of listening, of discernment and of dialogue. They animate various meetings with our Sisters throughout the world and maintain links with different religious and missionary organizations. A General Secretary and a General Bursar, with the personnel of the Secretariat and Treasury, facilitate the services of the General Administration. When needed, different commissions prepare studies and draw up documents.

The service of the *Archives* in Pont-Viau takes a primary place of importance particularly at a time when we are preparing our centennial. It offers a rich harvest of photographs and documents, not only on the life and work of the Sisters, but also on the countries and institutions devoted to health care, education and social services where they have served. The *History Project* draws abundantly from this vast documentation to prepare the story of a century of missionary life. Several among us collaborate with joy at this long-term project.

Pont-Viau also houses the *Office of the Délia Tétréault Cause*, a centre of documentation and animation on our Foundress. The team works on several important data

files: communication with Roman Congregations concerning the process of the canonization of our Foundress; enhancement of the places where Délia Tétréault lived her life, among others, her place of birth in Marieville; research, publication and lectures on the spiritual heritage she has passed on to our Community.



The Sisters responsible for the general administration of our Community and members of the support services. Marie-Paule Sanfaçon, M.I.C. (1st row, 3rd r.), Superior General



Office of the Délia Tétréault Cause. Pauline Longtin, M.I.C. (r.), vice-postulator

M.I.C. Archives. Françoise Jean, M.I.C. (seated, r.), directress



Project on the History of the Institute. Mireille Morin, M.I.C. (seated, r.), heads the team.





Living out the Mission *Ad Extra*

Missionary departures continue to the present. Around 100 Sisters from Canada live the mission in another country, in another local Church. This service remains a priority for our Community consecrated to missionary activity. Today, the Sisters who leave for the missions have 15, 20, 30 years of mission life abroad. When they return to Canada to restore their health or to renew themselves spiritually for the next stage of their mission, a team of Sisters at the Mother House in Montreal welcomes them. This team provides our returning missionaries with the services they need in an atmosphere where they can experience peak moments of solidarity and fraternity.

Missionary Departures:

1. **Eliette Gagnon**, M.I.C., from Bagotville, Quebec, Diocese of Chicoutimi: **Bolivia**
2. **Elmire Allary**, M.I.C., from Ste-Mélanie, Quebec, Diocese of Joliette: **Bolivia**
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4. **Monique Larouche**, M.I.C., from Ville de la Baie, Quebec, Diocese of Chicoutimi: **Chile**
5. **Noella Bernard**, M.I.C., from Ste-Madeleine, Quebec, Diocese of St-Hyacinthe: **Madagascar**
6. **Thérèse Leblanc-Cormier**, M.I.C., from St-Sylvere, Quebec, Diocese of Nicolet: **Madagascar**

Delving into the Legacy left by Délia Tétreault

Our International Scholasticate located in Longueuil, a city on the outskirts of Montreal, welcomes annually a group of our young Sisters from different countries. They come to draw from the spiritual and missionary experiences that sprang from the heart of our Foundress. They meet with Sisters who lived and witnessed the early days of our missionary history and who are deeply marked by Délia Tétreault's charism and spirituality. Since 1990, we have welcomed 52 Scholastics. For these young Sisters, this stage of formation is often their first contact with another culture. This experience calls them to go beyond cultural frontiers to be at the service of a universal mission. It prepares them to be able to build together a community founded on solidarity and respect of one another's culture.



Young religious of the International Scholasticate and the formation team (2nd row): Monette Ouellette, M.I.C., provincial councillor, Marie-Joseph Simard, M.I.C., in charge, and Ileana Grau, M.I.C.



M.I.C. Health Services at Pont-Viau. Management Board, Direction Committee, religious and lay employees. Ms Odette Lachaine (1st row, centre), general directress, Noella St-Laurent, M.I.C. (3rd row, 2nd r.), provincial vicar

Through the Seasons of Life

In our infirmary of Pont-Viau, the Health Care Services offer a place for rest and care for our missionaries who are fatigued, ill or handicapped. The environment allows each one to live this period of her life as an ongoing period of growth. Surrounded by companions and a multi-disciplinary team of lay people and of volunteers, our Sisters live their missionary life to the end. They keep their minds and hearts open to all that is going on today in our world, living out the gift of themselves to the Lord in a spirit of missionary thanksgiving. More than that, by their very manner of receiving care and welcoming staff members, they radiate peace, confidence, joy and witness to God's goodness.

At our Seniorates, we find our elderly Sisters who have been missionaries in difficult places and in periods of turmoil of the 20th century. They lived in concentration camps, endured two World Wars, have

known independence wars in colonies under foreign rule, etc. Through their work, their perseverance and their faith, they built up our Community to what it is today and kept alive the great inspiration of the beginnings. Today still, they support our missionary projects in many different ways: handicraft work, research for our



History Project, regular correspondence with our Sisters and benefactors throughout the world. Those who can are also volunteers in parish organizations; others, in our houses, bring their valuable collaboration to multiple community services.



Our ardent forerunners



Céline Cloutier, M.I.C. (I.), in charge of pastoral care services, with Lucille Adam, M.I.C.



Volunteers provide moments of relaxation and joy.

Each day our elderly Sisters renew their hope and live their missionary consecration with joy and gratitude. They pray faithfully for the universal Church, especially on behalf of people with special intentions. Like Mary, they ponder in their hearts the wonders that the Lord has performed in their lives and in those of the peoples to whom they were sent. They stand as a testimony for lives entirely given to the mission and a source of a profound inspiration to us.

This panorama of our missionary engagements shows that there are neither places nor circumstances where any one of us cannot live out her missionary commitment. The availability which we live so as to realize this mission does not align us to such and such a type of commitment but to a spirit, to a way of doing, to a way of being. We draw this spirituality from our foundress, Délia Tétreault, who proposed that we be missionaries in a spirit of Thanksgiving in the manner of Mary. This is the raison d'être of our Community in the Church and in the world. ☼

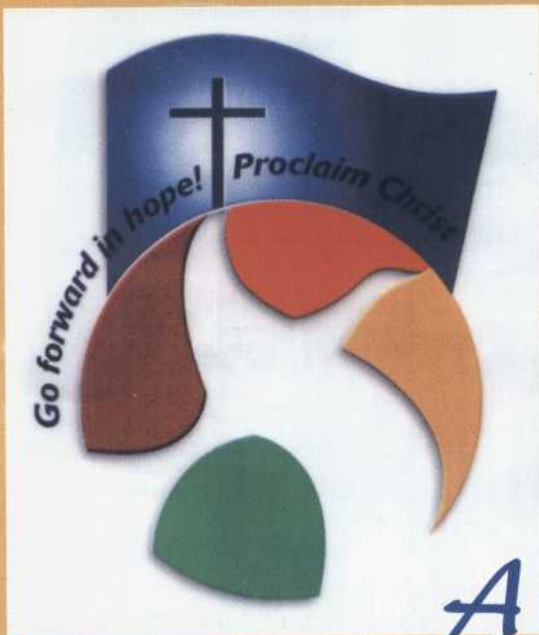


Loving attention for Jeanne Bouchard, M.I.C.

Some of our Sisters of St-Jean on a visit to Ottawa



Welcoming smiles from our Sisters of Joliette



A Church in Mission

With the mission to evangelize
which the Risen Lord confided to His Church,
there comes the certitude,
founded on His promise,
that He continues to live and work among us:

*"I am with you always,
to the end of the ages." (Mt 28:2)*

The mysterious presence of Christ in His Church
is the sure guarantee that the Church will succeed
in accomplishing the task entrusted to her.

At the same time,
this presence enables us to encounter Him,
as the Son sent by the Father,
as the Lord of Life who gives us His Spirit.
A fresh encounter with Jesus Christ
will make all the members of the Church in America
aware that they are called to continue
the Mission of the Redeemer.

Pope John Paul II

Ecclesia America, no. 7



HONG KONG, S.A.R.

The *Bauhinia blakeana*, superb orchid of a crimson colour, regional emblem of Hong Kong

By Louise Denis, M.I.C.

In 1909, the first group of Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who left Montreal for a far-away mission land departed for Canton, China. At present, two Sisters are in mainland China and 15 others are working in the Church of Hong Kong. In this

highly progressive, demographic and economic region of Asia in search of meaning, identity and security, our Sisters are committed to being evangelizers, fostering the missionary spirit.

After more than 150 years of British rule, Hong Kong has presently a new sovereign. But, the new is really old... China has reclaimed her own. The former colony has been transformed into a new Special Administrative Region (S.A.R.). Under this new rule, it enjoys a high degree of autonomy except in matters concerning defence and foreign affairs.

Situated on the southeast coast of China, the region comprises the island of Hong Kong, Kowloon on the mainland, and the New Territories to the north. It also includes more than 230 islands. Lacking all natural resources other than an excellent harbor built within its limited geographical constraints, Hong Kong has become a centre of global commerce. Today, it is home to seven million of some of the hardest working people, traders and economists. About 98% of the population is ethnic Chinese, most of whom are Cantonese.

Hong Kong has long been the meeting place of East and West. The roots of its internationalism are deeply and irrevocably embedded. These include its large expatriate population, an unrivalled network of international schools, the retention of English as one of its two official languages, the coexistence of several religions such as Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Protestantism and Catholicism. There is, too, its spectacular cross-cultural lifestyle. Hong Kong's cosmopolitan nature clearly underlines its high degree of autonomy under this "one country, two systems" set-up. It is proud of its new place in China. Therein lies its value to China: being a bridge between the Mainland and the rest of the world.

The world's tallest statue of Buddha, set up at Po Lin monastery on the island of Lantau, weighs 200 tons and measures 20 metres high.

Used for fishing and transport, flotsams plough the China Sea.



Hong Kong. Panoramic view of the mountains of Kowloon and of neighbouring islands

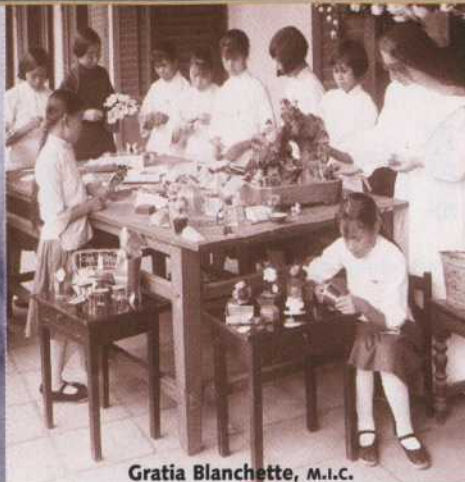


The invincible dragon, most powerful symbol of China, is the expression of imperial fortitude. It is present at all feasts.



Canton.
Anna Bourbeau, M.I.C.

Lucia Ho
(seated, at centre,)



Gratia Blanchette, M.I.C.



Shek Lung.
Clara Hébert, M.I.C.



Hakka tribeswoman and child

From Mainland China to Hong Kong

A few months after their arrival in Canton, China in 1910, the Sisters opened a school for young girls. It soon proved to be a small centre of culture in various areas, including English arts and music. At the same time, it offered classes on the Christian faith.

There were numerous conversions to Catholicism. Among them, Miss Lucia Ho, a highly gifted student who later became the headmistress of her alma mater. Subsequently, she became the first Asian to join our Institute. Following the expulsion from China of all foreigners, Sister Lucia remained alone in the mainland until 1980 when she was finally set free by the regime.

In October 1912, the Bishop of Canton had sent a new request to our Foundress: *"Your dedicated Sisters will be needed in another field, to minister to poor leprous women."* One year later, three Sisters took charge of the Saint Paul Leprosarium of Shek Lung and were entrusted the care of 214 women and children.

In the wake of the late 20's, with increasing unrest giving rise to bloody civil wars, the missionaries from Canton and Shek Lung were obliged on several occasions to seek refuge on the island of Hong Kong. In April 1927, due to the imminent danger brought about by the Bolshevik hordes who aimed particularly at foreigners, the British Consulate asked the Sisters to find lodging elsewhere. They went South and rented two small houses in Kowloon. They managed to settle down there as best they could with the thirty-five orphans who accompanied them.

Since reprisals were constantly feared, Délia Tétrault requested that the Bishop of Hong Kong allow the Sisters to keep a pied-à-terre in his episcopal city. Having received a favorable answer, the courageous Foundress notified the superior to keep one of the two houses where private courses might be given as a means of subsistence. *"Let us try it out like that for a while,"* she wrote, *"In due time, God will let us know His views regarding our settling down in Hong Kong."*

Soon after, the plans toward the contribution of our Institute regarding evangelization in this new territory were manifested by Providence. In 1929, the authorities approved the opening of an elementary school in the Chinese district of Kowloon. On that occasion, our Foundress wrote: *"You cannot imagine how the news of this new project gladdens us! I think it is the mustard seed. . . which will become a large tree. . ."* This dauntless apostle and prophet had great foresight; her prediction soon materialized. Humble in its beginnings, but inspiring for the work of evangelization, the school ministry grew and today remains one of our most significant involvements in the Church of Hong Kong.



The community of Mount Good Hope:
Srs. Mary Olga Lam, Lucia Leung, Louise Bussièrès,
Marie-Thérèse Beaudette; Nicole Rochon (lay missionary),
Arlene Ramos (postulant), Sr. Emilia Marcelo

Good Hope Primary and Secondary Schools

Since the Chinese revolution in 1911, people from mainland China migrated to Hong Kong. Following this massive influx of immigrants, Good Hope Primary and Secondary Schools were established as an answer to the urgent need for education demanded by parents who sought admission for their children. Sister Mary Olga Lam, directress of Good Hope Secondary School, recounts its progressive development: *"I have seen Good Hope grow and I cannot but marvel at the many blessings this school has received. Blessings, through the teachers who dedicated the best of their years to nurture life... through the students who have grown and have now become outstanding citizens in Hong Kong and in other parts of the world... through the parents who have been most supportive and encouraging. We feel privileged to be involved in the formation of young women."*



Lucia Leung, M.I.C. (r.),
directress of Good Hope
Primary School



Our primary and secondary schools of Kowloon.
The vast complex houses nearly 3,000 students.

parents and students. Workloads of principals and teachers have increased. Family ties have generally weakened. There is an increasing number of divorced, single parents as well as of families in the process of emigration, with parents living apart. Besides changes in the social, economic and political structures, there have also

been major changes in the value systems.

The general orientation of Catholic schools in the region is geared toward attending to these realities. Our schools offer a holistic approach based on and supported by a multi-disciplinary team including personnel for guidance, counselling and pastoral services. This approach aims at developing and fostering the sense of uniqueness of each person and helps students to build their lives on values of love, hope, joy and thanksgiving.

In today's context, the Parent-Teacher Association is valued and is a precious asset in the dynamics of how our schools function. It contributes a great deal to the fulfilment of the mission undertaken by the schools, focusing especially on the enhancement of quality in relationships and the strengthening of bonds among teachers, parents and their children.



Miss Edith Lee (at centre) and students of the Home Economics class

In recent years, there have been rapid changes in the educational environment of schools, of families and of society. These changes have affected educators,

Marceline Gilbert, M.I.C., English teacher
at the Primary School



Mary Olga Lam, M.I.C., directress of Good Hope Secondary School,
at an event held in her honour





Monica Lam, M.I.C. (2nd r.),
directress of Tak Oi Secondary School
and teachers



Tak Oi Secondary School

Another tiny seed sown by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1970 is Tak Oi Secondary School. The school is located in a section of the city populated by middle class families. Today, ever sustained and nourished by its spirit of *Truth and Love*, the school sees many of its graduates serving their local community with honour and holding prestigious positions both at home and abroad. Having spent the past 25 years in this school, Sister Monica Lam, directress, affirms: *"We strive to inculcate lasting values of truth, love, justice and service in the minds and hearts of our students who are invited to integrate these same values in their daily life. To achieve our mission requires openness, receptivity and willingness on their part, patient love and persevering commitment from their teachers. We notice the fruits of our hard work when we hold the homecoming visits of our past*



Built at Tsz Wen Shan, a popular quarter bustling with activity, Tak Oi welcomes 1,120 students this year.

students. They openly express genuine appreciation and deep gratitude for what they have received from the school. This gives us the conviction that we should continue to fulfil our mission in the field of education."

Both Good Hope and Tak Oi are known as EMI schools, using English as a medium of instruction. Subjects are taught in English with the exception of Chinese language, Chinese Literature, Chinese History, Ethics and Religious Education. The curriculum aims to prepare the students to respond to the needs of society. While Chinese language and culture are promoted, knowledge of foreign cultures is maintained. Proficiency in both Chinese and English is strongly recommended especially as Hong Kong maintains its international status in economics and culture.



Rosetti Lau, M.I.C., joins her students at recess time.



Well equipped with research laboratories, the school organizes activities to develop interest for the sciences among the students.



The Diocese of Hong Kong includes:
 1. The island of Hong Kong
 2. The peninsula of Kowloon
 3. The New Territories

Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-Chung, born in Shui-t'ai, China, assumed several pastoral responsibilities at Miaoli, Taiwan. In 1975, Pope John Paul II named him Bishop of Hong Kong, then as Cardinal in 1988.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Church of Hong Kong was established in 1841 as an Apostolic Prefecture. Today, Hong Kong has the largest single Chinese-speaking diocese in the world. With some 260,000 Catholics, the Church is a vibrant organism and an integral part of the Hong Kong community.

A few years ago, Cardinal John Wu, Bishop of Hong Kong, published a Pastoral Exhortation: *March into the Bright Decade*. The document sets the directions and objectives of the diocese at the dawn of the third millennium. It is a reminder for all the people of God

in Hong Kong to face the challenges of the times and to assume their historic and prophetic mission through the changes within the region's political scenery.

In order to achieve its objectives, the diocese counts on a team of qualified and experienced priests, religious men and women from various congregations and their committed lay collaborators. Sister Emilia Marcelo is presently the Executive Secretary of the Bishop's Office. With her expertise in administration, she brings a precious contribution in the planning, execution and evaluation of the diocesan Pastoral Plan. The diocese and parishes invest time, energy, and personnel to develop and strengthen the role of the laity.

Means are taken to prepare them to take full advantage of their charism, to act on their own initiative and share responsibility with the clergy in building up the Church.

At the Service of the Church of Hong Kong

Our Sisters are at the service of the local Church and cooperate in the implementation of its priorities. At the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, of Taiipo, a small town located in the New Territories, Sr. Fenecia Dapitanon, participates in the formation programme for lay people by conducting retreats and evangelization seminars. She also offers sessions to catechists in view of improving the quality of catechism classes and the preparation of the liturgy.



Emilia Marcelo, M.I.C. (r.) is well-informed about the life of the Diocese of Hong Kong and shares its hopes and challenges.



Fenecia Dapitanon, M.I.C. (standing) animates a retreat for parishioners.

Sister Yolande Sin has been working as catechist and pastoral worker in the parish. She is involved in the preparation of parishioners to the reception of the sacraments. She visits the parish school and makes regular home visits to the elderly.



Yolande Sin, M.I.C. (at centre) and newly baptized catechumens - a mother and her daughter

The Church of Hong Kong, through the religious congregations and various lay associations, is developing further approaches that are related to its prophetic and evangelical role. Like in any rich country, there is a tendency to discriminate against the poor and the marginalized. Through some of its organizations, the Church makes special efforts to serve and attend to the elderly, the physically and mentally handicapped and to other marginalized groups in society.

For 13 years, Sr. Louise Bussi res has made weekly visits and helped as a volunteer at a Home for the mentally handicapped. This Home provides care for at least thirty young handicapped trainees. Sr. Louise has derived great joy in this ministry and has brought valuable support to the workers as well as comfort to the children and their families.

There is an increasing number of immigrants in Hong Kong. The Church seeks human rights and freedom for its own people and also for overseas workers. Our Sisters have been ministering for many years to immigrants, particularly to the migrant workers. Giving



A flexible programme facilitates encounters and exchanges with young women desiring to live with us our missionary project.

particular attention to Filipino women, they invite them to participate in evangelization seminars, retreats and discussions regarding their work, their difficulties, their dreams, etc. Some young women from this group have asked to join our Institute and become much more directly involved in our mission of evangelization.

Formation for Formators

The Pastoral Exhortation of Cardinal Wu states that every promoter of formation also requires to be formed and it puts forward a concrete recommendation that there be an ongoing formation program for priests, brothers and sisters. It is essential that they deepen their knowledge of the faith and renew their dynamism for evangelization. During the past five years, different religious communities have prepared some of their members for such a ministry. Pauline Yuen, M.I.C., who has recently obtained a Licence in Dogmatic Theology, hopes to bring a valuable contribution as a resource person and take an active role in clerical and religious formation in the Church of Hong Kong.



Louise Bussi res, M.I.C. with friends from the Home for the Handicapped



Pauline Yuen, M.I.C. (at centre) and colleagues at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Hong Kong. Catherine Wan Ka-lai, M.I.C. (l.)

A Link with China

The position taken by the Church of Hong Kong with China is that of constantly initiating or enhancing contact, exchange and cooperation with the mainland. Cardinal Wu led a few delegations to China at the invitation of the Government and some local groups. These visits were aimed at increasing the comprehension of China's actual situation as well as at promoting friendship and dialogue. Visits were also made to seminaries and convents to manifest pastoral concern and fraternity.



The Great Wall of China, symbol of the Chinese nation. Erected 2,000 years ago, then rebuilt in the 14th century, it stretches out more than 6,000 kilometres.

Whenever possible, they make themselves available to respond to the needs of the people in China.

Pastoral Activities in Mainland China

Besides the two Sisters who have been teaching in the mainland for more than a decade now - in the South (Guangdong Province) and in the North (Jilin Province) - several others have undertaken various projects on a small scale.



China. Luisa Tan, M.I.C., visiting with the Teresian Sisters. Strong links unite us with this Community founded in 1931 by Msgr Simon Tsu and whom our missionaries accompanied during the first years of its foundation.

Since the expulsion of missionaries from China at the time of political troubles, our Sisters have always kept a link in one way or another with people in the mainland. Indeed, every one has a place in her heart for China, our very first mission. The Sisters in Hong Kong are privileged to be so close to the mainland and to some of our former missions in Guangdong Province.



Nicole Beaulieu, M.I.C., English teacher at a college in the industrial city of Changchung, northeast of China

One of these projects in Wan Fu involves giving attention and love to a group of about twenty *consecrated virgins* (women who dedicated their life to help the Church before the Revolution). Most of these women are now in their eighties and nineties. Abandoned by country and their families, they live together in a parish managed by Father Thomas Ma, aged 86. Some former students of Good Hope School heeded the Sisters' plea for help. They generously undertook to lend a helping hand, both financially and by visiting with Sister Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C., to bring comfort, love and care to these elderly friends.

Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C., and Thérèse LeBlanc, M.I.C., with a group of consecrated virgins. Father Ma (at centre), parish priest



During a visit about four years ago, Sister Marie-Thérèse was asked if she wanted to see the "baby" living with the elderly women. The positive reply was spontaneous and quick. And to her big surprise, they showed her a lovely baby girl named Maria. They explained to her that the baby had been left near their gate and that she now was a permanent resident with them. On their visits to their elderly friends, the Sisters and alumnae never forget to bring a bag full of clothes, toys and goodies for Maria. She has won the hearts of all. Sponsored by an alumna of Good Hope, Maria now attends kindergarten.

within the Church of China to achieve reconciliation and commitment within herself and with the Universal Church. As in the past, our Sisters are determined to collaborate, whenever possible, in any initiative or project so as to keep alive Délia Tétreault's love for that country. ✿



Wan Fu. Maria (holding her doll), with Sr. Lau, Father Ma and some consecrated virgins



Marie-Thérèse Beaudette, M.I.C. makes regular visits to Wan Fu, China, bringing support and compassion to persons afflicted with leprosy.

There are, also, the forty leper friends who live in an isolated valley about an hour away from Wan Fu. As often as she can, Sister Marie-Thérèse visits them, bringing comfort, food and financial help. These visits are always very heartwarming... she believes that she receives more from them that she can ever give.

In the future, the scope of contact, exchange and cooperation between the Church of Hong Kong and that of mainland China is likely to expand, to develop continually. Hong Kong is prepared, in a spirit of equality, to fulfill the role of a "bridge church"



What's on



Centennial Celebrations

By Louisa Nicole, M.I.C.

One hundred years at the service of the Mission! - The theme chosen for the Centennial of our Community (1902 -2002). Délia Tétreault, our Foundress, liked to repeat: *Let our souls be on fire!* Fire is heat. Fire is light. It is joy and strength. And when we speak of the fire of love, such a fire cannot destroy. It is the fire kindled by Christ two thousand years ago... the fire of His love which we have a mission to spread all over the world.

The festivities of the Centennial will be precious opportunities for us *to remember the past, to live the present passionately and to open ourselves confidently to the future.* The joy of a celebration begins with its preparation. We have already received the calendar of festivities that will highlight this anniversary in the countries where we are present. Here are the first two events to be held in Quebec.

Benefit Concert at the Outremont Theatre

On November 25, 2001, a benefit concert will launch the programme of activities of our centennial year. One of the few female choral groups in Quebec, *la Chorale du Gesù*, will graciously present a varied and international repertoire. This choral group is directed by Mrs. Patricia Abbott, instructor for the *Alliance des chorales du Québec* and the *Centre musical CAMMAC* (Canadian Amateur Musicians - *Musiciens amateurs du Canada*). Since 1993, Mrs. Abbott is also general director of the *Association des chefs de chœurs canadiens*. The City of Outremont and its theatre, Mrs. Abbott and her choral group, as well as several other people have volunteered to organize this concert.

To purchase tickets, consult our web site:

www.soeurs-mic.qc.ca

or contact Michelle Payette, M.I.C.

Telephone: (514) 274 -5691

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The Gesù choral group. Michelle Payette, M.I.C., secretary general of our Community (2nd row 4th l.)

Opening of the Centennial Year in Pont-Viau on February 2, 2002

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (M.I.C.), the Priests of the Foreign Mission Society (P.M.É.), their associate missionaries and the ASMIC will all come together in a celebration in Pont-Viau, Laval. The event will be an exceptional moment for these two religious families so dear to the heart of Délia Tétreault and envisioned by her at the age of 18: *It seemed to me that Our Lord was telling me that I was later to found a Congregation of women for the foreign missions and to work at the foundation of a similar Society for men.* How many audacious efforts she had to undertake for these God-inspired projects to become a reality! It is our hope to celebrate this Centennial in a hymn of thanksgiving and missionary revival.

In the Garden of God



Germaine Ménard, M.I.C. 1913-2001
(Sister Saint-Gaëtan)

Sister Germaine spent her entire life in Quebec. She worked with zeal and generosity especially in missionary animation, traveling to hundred of parishes in the province to promote our mission magazine, *Le Precurseur* and to visit the youth in schools.



Gladyes McLean, M.I.C. 1912-2001
(Sister Sainte-Valentine)

Having left for Haiti in 1947, Sister Gladyes directed a dispensary there for 12 years. She was then transferred to Africa, in Zambia at first and later to Malawi, at the time when the British Colonies were in upheaval due to the violent struggle for their independence



Lucienne Renaud, M.I.C. 1906-2001
(Sr. Agnès-d'Assise)

Having departed for Japan in 1932, Sister Lucienne pursued a teaching career with the children at a kindergarten she directed. Well fluent in the language, she became one with the Japanese people. She returned to Canada after 52 years of missionary life.



Cécile Lacroix, M.I.C. 1918-2001
(Sister Thérèse-du-Sacré-Coeur)

An excellent educator, Sr. Cécile lived a long and fruitful teaching career in our schools of Quebec. Her great generosity, her penchant for work well done and her sense of responsibility remain for us an eloquent testimony.



Jeanne Sanschagrin, M.I.C. 1908-2001
(Sister Sainte-Rose)

Sister Jeanne left for Manchuria, China, in 1935. Her missionary life was beset with hardship: the war, the siege of Szeping kai and the exodus from that area in 1946. Repatriated to Canada she was then able to pursue her missionary work in Taiwan during 20 years.



Marguerite Jobin, M.I.C. 1903-2001
(Sister Saint-Albert-le-Grand)

The prolific talents and unconditional dedication of Sister Marguerite were expressed through community services in leadership and administration. In Quebec as in Cuba, she was for us a source of guidance and comfort.



Graziella Langlois, M.I.C. 1911-2001
(Sister Saint-Charles-Garnier)

Sister Graziella was named to Japan after the war and got involved in education for some 15 years. Having returned to Canada because of her health, she left in 1970 for Haiti where she worked at the integral formation of young people for 10 years.



Charlotte Duhamel, M.I.C. 1904 - 2001
(Sister Marie-de-la-Sainte-Enfance)

Sister Charlotte was one of our pioneers of missionary animation in Quebec: the revival of Holy Childhood and promotion of our magazine, *The Precursor*, in the dioceses. She was also involved in the parish life of the Chinese community in Montreal.

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