



## Territory of Northern Europe / Quebec

Dear Sisters,

In this Easter season, the Risen Lord reminds us once again that, despite the uncertainty and the suffering of this present time we cannot understand, life germinates where there is death. We are assisted by the hope proclaimed by the prophets, endorsed on Easter morning and sustained by the Spirit who will lead us to the end of time. Then, in spite of the darkness, we can walk with a firm step, and look forward. To be a light for others, to accompany, to encourage, to animate, to comfort... there where there is a great need today.

You are receiving the INFO for the month of April, as we open a new cycle. After having reviewed the decisions of the last General Chapter, the compass for this period, we want to grow in our knowledge of each other. We want to give ourselves the opportunity to present each of the Territories, with their communities and sisters, ministries and presences, with their pastoral tasks, their own challenges and their particular reality. We believe that in this way we are responding to the desire for greater closeness and communion that we all have, in order to become more involved in our mission in the world; to support each other where it is needed, to pray, to give thanks, to hope...

We are certain that each of our communities has an enormous richness to offer to the Congregation. All of them were founded by the will of the Spirit, discerned by the sisters at the time, to prolong our

mission. Gathering something of those stories in each place, telling us who we are and what we are doing today, will help us to appreciate the time that has passed, and will give us an impetus for the future. This issue and the next ones will give us all an overview of the Congregation that we hope will be attractive and useful.

We are also going to add a reflection page. We also want the INFO to be an instrument of Ongoing Formation, which, with simplicity, will propose some relevant figure for our spiritual growth, or some interesting topic that will help us to share in community. We will begin with Saint Joseph, whom the Congregation has recognised from the beginning as a special protector, and who was declared Patron Saint of the Universal Church 150 years ago, as Pope Francis reminded us in his letter *Patris Corde* when he opened the year dedicated to the saint.

We hope that the new format will be to your liking, and that it will stimulate us to seek within its pages the echoes of my congregation, the faces of my sisters, the voices of those who in other places have responded, sooner or later, to the same vocation that has filled my heart.

Warmest regards,