

World Day for Consecrated Life Celebration – February 2, 2019
St. Theresa's Parish, Archdiocese of St. John's, NL, Canada

In 1997, John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal Church. He declared February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, to be observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life invites all the Church to reflect on the role of Consecrated Life within the Christian community. The invitation provides an opportunity to remember with gratitude the men and women who have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute or through private vows. It is also a wonderful opportunity for us to pray for God's continued blessing upon them and to pray that many others will hear and respond to the call to Consecrated Life.



Our Archdiocese of St. John's here in NL, Canada, celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life by inviting everyone to join the consecrated women and men of the Archdiocese at the weekend Eucharistic celebration at 5:00p.m on Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Theresa's Parish in St. John's, with Archbishop Peter Hundt, welcoming him as our new Archbishop, as celebrant. We were very happy that we could celebrate as part of the larger Church Community.



Currently, the Sisters of Mercy, Presentation Sisters, Christian Brothers, Jesuits and the Redemptorists minister in the Archdiocese of St. John's. In the past, the Franciscans, the Capuchins, the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the Recluse Sisters and Sisters of Service have served in the Archdiocese. The Holy Rosary Sisters have also served in our Province.



Over 70 religious were present at the Liturgy, during which the Archbishop invited us all to stand as he acknowledged our service and dedication. The congregation burst into spontaneous applause. After the liturgy, parishioners greeted us and personally thanked us.

Following the Liturgy, we as religious were invited to the Redemptorist Parish Rectory for a light supper. Every corner of the rectory was filled as we intermingled and shared conversation while enjoying delicious homemade soup and assorted sandwiches and desserts so kindly provided by the Redemptorist Community and their Associates. With our special thanks!



It was a wonderful experience of coming together in solidarity and support as religious and especially in the context of the wider Church Community as ONE. Indeed we do WALK ONE.



Reflection by Sisters Helen Martinez, Patricia Whittle and Sheila Leonard, PBVM. With thanks.
Click below to enjoy the Smile Box link, with thanks to Sister Diane Smyth, RSM.

Come celebrate with us!

