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FROM THE PROVINCE LEADER



During these past months I have had the wonderful privilege of receiving the vows of six Sisters as Faithful Companions of Jesus, who have professed Perpetual or Temporary Vows.

It is unusual for us to have the great joy of so many within one year, and it is special that it is within the Year of Consecrated Life designated by Pope Francis. These ceremonies have taken place at different times, in different countries: April – final vows in the Philippines; June – first vows in Yogyakarta followed by first vows in the Philippines; July – final vows in Indonesia.

An inevitable consequence of all this is that I have spent considerable time in airports waiting for flights. I began to feel a bit like Tom Hanks in *The Terminal*, except that he learnt his way around all the nooks and crannies of one terminal, whereas I was first having to remind myself in which country I was presently standing.

Waiting is not easy. I like to fill the time and not waste a minute so it is as though I am not waiting at all. It's as though I don't want to feel the waiting. This caused me to reflect on 'waiting'. Is it an opportunity or a frustration? Maybe I am missing something? I'm certainly not living in the present moment, nor am I aware of being in a particular place with a particular group of people, but am ignoring it all, it seems.

My reflection has led me to ask myself: Why don't I just sit and wait, and become aware of all the others. If we believe in God present in the other, in our interconnectedness, and if 'we seek to be in transformative relationship with everyone and everything' (General Chapter 2013), then I've missed so many opportunities to enter the lives (figuratively speaking) of such a large group of diverse people. I could have been sending the warmth of positive thoughts and God's love towards them and their loved ones.

These moments of waiting can also be an opportunity to 'feel' waiting – with asylum seekers in detention waiting to know their future, with refugees in camps wanting to return to their homes, with someone waiting for the results of medical tests, with a lonely person waiting for someone to make contact, and so many other people who are waiting.

Luckily, there is still the return flight from Manila to Melbourne!

Judith Routier fcJ



From Paris to Muckatah and back

On Friday 14 August this year, I had the joy of attending the blessing of the new sculpture of the Woman at the Well in the quadrangle at FCJ College, Benalla. It was the day on which the college was celebrating Founders' Day, and so Marie Madeleine d'Houët had a central place in prayer and appreciation.

The sculpture by Jenny Steiner portrays Jesus asking the Samaritan woman for water to assuage his thirst. The thirst of Jesus here at the well is echoed in the words, 'I thirst', which Marie Madeleine heard from Jesus as she prayed before the crucifix on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1817, during her time of discerning what God was asking of her before she founded the Society.

Many times over the years that I have been associated with the FCJs, the power and influence of the Holy Spirit through one person, Marie Madeleine d'Houët, has impressed and amazed me. As I looked around the group at Benalla gathered for the blessing, I wondered again at the wide range of people associated with the FCJ Society world-wide, with this school and all connected with it, and I marvelled at the far-reaching impact of that one woman, Marie Madeleine, born in Châteauroux, France, in 1781.

The connection of my own family with the FCJ Sisters began within the first decade of the FCJ convent's opening at Benalla in 1900. Over a number of years, each of my father's six sisters attended as boarders from Muckatah. The youngest of these Sisters, Mary, entered the FCJ Society in 1921 and after some time overseas, she was assigned to Richmond in 1931 and, as Sr Mary Veronica fcJ, ministered there for many years until her death in 1988.

I entered with the FCJs in 1960 ... and so, in the rich plan of God, that unlikely link between Châteauroux and Muckatah goes on, and the influence of one woman's response to the "I thirst" of Jesus continues through the lives of those touched by the spirit and story of Marie Madeleine.

Frances Kennedy fcJ



Muckatah, Victoria

Final Profession of Vows

Salvacion Sodusta fcJ and Elvisa Camilion fcJ

Manila, The Philippines – 25 April 2015

It was my first visit to the Philippines. One week in Manila. Despite this, the memories of the people, the events and places I visited will remain with me forever.

Two young women, Salvacion Sodusta fcJ and Elvisa Camilion fcJ stood before their families, committing themselves to a life of ministry within the FCJ Society. Both Ciony and Elvisa come from Mindanao and were greatly influenced by FCJ Sisters who had set up a convent there. In time this convent closed due to the civil unrest. Today, the FCJs have two convents in Quezon City, Manila. Both Ciony and Elvisa spoke admirably of women such as Veronika Schreiner fcJ, Teresa Hennessy fcJ (RIP) and other FCJ Sisters, who influenced them greatly. The stories are quite profound – Ciony and Elvisa desire to remain faithful to Christ’s mission, to the spirit of Marie Madeleine and to those significant FCJ women who pioneered the ministry on the island of Mindanao.

FCJ Sisters were instrumental in making the visitors feel at home and well catered for, particularly Paola Terroni fcJ, as we stayed in one of the two FCJ houses. Many of the local FCJ Sisters led the various tasks that needed to be done and we all pitched in to help. Bing Delos Santos fcJ was in charge of the flowers; the music was led by Afra Primadiana fcJ and accompanied on the organ by Audrey Wong, one of the postulants.

The gathering of family, friends and FCJ Sisters all added to the excitement that led up to the day. On the Friday evening before the Perpetual Profession, the FCJ Sisters, the families and visitors joined together in a special Thanksgiving prayer, A Journey to Remember, during which some Filipina rituals were included – a very simple yet meaningful prayer. This was particularly touching as both families met for the first time, entered into the prayer and celebrated the commitment of both Elvisa and Ciony in a more intimate setting.

The day of the profession went like clockwork. The flowers looked magnificent. The Companions in Mission welcomed us at the door. The choir gathered – young men and women who were all FCJ scholars. Van-Van Reposar fcJ was the MC. The families took their places in the chapel and the people arrived to celebrate. The celebrant was Father Eugene Cañete MJ. Sr Judith Routier, FCJ Province Leader, received the vows of Ciony and Elvisa. It was both joyous and emotion-filled for all who attended. Following the mandatory photos, we all gathered for a reception at a local venue.

It takes many people and the completion of various tasks to contribute to an event such as a Final Profession. Across various countries, continents and within the Philippines, these two young women were being celebrated as finally professed FCJs.

Shirley Gauci
Executive Officer, FCJ Education Board

Salvacion Sodusta fcJ & Elvisa Camilion fcJ



Afra Primadiana fcJ, Elvisa Camilion fcJ, Judith Routier fcJ (Province Leader), Salvacion Sodusta fcJ and Paula Terroni fcJ



‘The gathering of family, friends and FCJ Sisters all added to the excitement that led up to the day.’

Final Profession of Vows

Agnes Dinihari fcJ and Dewi Gallang fcJ

Yogyakarta, Indonesia – 25 July 2015

What a great joy it was for me to be present for the final profession of Agnes and Dewi! I had the great privilege of journeying with Agnes and Dewi during my ten years in Yogyakarta.

On 24 July, eve of the final vows, we had a beautiful thanksgiving prayer in Soropadan for the life and vocation of Agnes and Dewi. The theme for this prayer was “Encountering and Proclaiming”.

During the prayer Agnes and Dewi shared their experience of God in their lives that makes them want to become his witnesses in today’s world. This sharing was very moving for all present.

We were blessed to have so many FCJ Sisters present from the Province of Asia–Australia. These included representatives from Australia, the Philippines and Myanmar and all our FCJ Sisters from Yogyakarta and Ende. The prayer was followed by a truly Indonesian celebratory meal – Soto Ayam.

‘The ceremony was beautiful and very joyful.’

On the morning of the vows, we were startled from our slumber at 2.50 am by an earthquake registering 5.6 on the Richter scale. However, that did not dampen the spirit of joy that was in our communities as we prepared for the ceremony. We all gathered at Christ the King Parish Church, Baciro, Yogyakarta, long before 10.00 am.

Our Companions in Mission were there to welcome our guests who were many: family and friends of Agnes and Dewi, as well as work colleagues, neighbours and members of other religious congregations in the area.

The Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Azismardopo SJ, and Sr Judith Routier, FCJ Province Leader, received the vows. The theme for the Mass was ‘Chosen and Sent’ (John 15: 12–17). The ceremony was beautiful and very joyful. In his homily, Fr Azismardopo referred to the earthquake and how we were shaken out of our comfort zones. This needs to happen in our everyday lives – not the earthquake, but the moving out of our comfort zones. He also referred to the picture on the cover of

the booklet (done by Meita fcJ), which was a picture of two companions on their way to the market place. We are companions called and sent out to the margins of society.

After the signing of the vow register on the altar, Agnes and Dewi were welcomed into full membership of the FCJ Society before being greeted by the FCJs. The FCJs and the choir sang the traditional hymn of praise, Magnificat.

After the Mass we went to the nearby parish hall for a simple meal. There we had the opportunity to meet the members of Agnes and Dewi’s families and friends. It was truly a great day for all.

Agnes and Dewi have vowed to be FCJs for life. As we celebrated this defining moment in their lives, we were reminded that we are called to be on mission together in order that God’s dream for the whole of creation might be ever more fully realised.

Margaret O’Donohue fcJ

(L–R): Irene fcJ, Clare Hand fcJ, Dewi fcJ, Judith Routier fcJ, Agnes Dini fcJ, Wina fcJ, Margaret O’Donohue fcJ



Picture on cover of Mass booklet



An Ignatian Immersion Course

Cova de Sant Ignasi, Centre d'Espiritualitat, Manresa, Spain

On 17 April 2015 I left Australia to attend the Ignatian Immersion Course at the Cave of St Ignatius in Manresa Spain ... known as La Cova. The course ran for six weeks from 19 April to 31 May. There were 36 participants from 21 different countries, including 18 Jesuits, two laymen, four laywomen and 12 Religious women! Seven of us were Australians, including Renato Zecchin sj, who has been in Pakistan for 25 years, and Margaret Callaghan IBVM, who has been working in Vietnam for 10 years. It was really wonderful to be with Renato again and Peter Hosking SJ, with whom I had worked for seven years at ConneXions, Jesuit Social Services. Both Peter and Renato had worked in St Ignatius Parish, Richmond, so it was great having familiar faces around and an opportunity to share my Vegemite!

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Ignatius began a pilgrimage to the sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat in 1522, where he made a general confession and left his sword and vestments at Our Lady's shrine before continuing his journey to Manresa.

Ignatius was only in Manresa for 11 months from March 1522 until February 1523 but it was a profound time for him. The mystical experiences he went through at Manresa helped him consolidate the spiritual transformation begun in Loyola when he decided to abandon his military past to follow a contemplative and meditative life. It was here in Manresa that Ignatius began his life of poverty and began writing down his spiritual experiences, the beginning of what we now know as the Spiritual Exercises.

We had time to visit Montserrat both as part of our course and again in our own time. It is a multi-peaked mountain range with an elevation of 1236 metres and one of the most important religious sites in Spain. It is also home for the monks at the Benedictine Abbey. I loved Montserrat, and the train journey up the mountain was magnificent (the fittest members of the group walked the six hours from Manresa).

The Immersion Course was divided into six modules:

1. Ignatius of Loyola and Us: The Autobiography and the Spiritual Diary. Lecturer: Javier Melloni SJ
2. An Eight-Day Individually Guided Retreat. Director: Cecil Azzopardi SJ
3. A Mystagogical Approach to the Spiritual Exercises. Lecturer: Javier Melloni SJ
4. In touch with the Sources of the Ignatian Charism. Lecturer: Jose Garcia de Castro SJ
5. The Society of Jesus as a different form of Religious Life and Pattern of a New Apostolic Enterprise. Lecturer: Carlos Coupeau SJ
6. Ignatian Theology and Spirituality for Today. Lecturer: George Pattery SJ.

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Our Lady of Monserrat

I truly valued the opportunity of this once-in-a-lifetime experience of taking courses from a team of Jesuit scholars and of experiencing the Spiritual Exercises in the very place where they were created. One of the things I loved most was learning from Spanish Jesuits, who seemed to have Ignatius in their pores. We were also blessed with our two coordinators, Josep Sugranyes SJ and Joaqui Salord SJ – delightful, kind men who could not have done more for us.

After our Retreat we travelled to Loyola and Javier (Xavier) for three days. Loyola is very beautiful. I particularly loved the Holy House where Ignatius lived and the Chapel of the Conversion where we had a beautiful Mass. While in Loyola we had a free afternoon so six of us caught the bus to San Sebastian, a beautiful city on the Bay of Biscay, situated 20 km from the French border. We had a lovely time walking (some paddling) along the Beach of La Concha. We managed to find a bar and enjoy some wine and nibbles on the foreshore!

We left Loyola and travelled home via Javier, the place of St Francis Xavier. The castle has been transformed into a museum. While at Javier we enjoyed an amazing meal with the Jesuit Community there, mostly elderly men, some of whom had spent many years in India and were delighted to meet up with the Indian Jesuits in our course.

Another wonderful day was spent in 'Ignatian' Barcelona. We walked around the streets where Ignatius would have walked. Some of the buildings and streets in Barcelona reminded me of Paris, except it is a coastal city. We spent quite some time at Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia, a large Roman Catholic Basilica. Even though it is unfinished, Pope Benedict consecrated it as a minor basilica in 2010. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. I have never seen such brilliant, natural light. It is truly magnificent.

A glimpse of 2015 Shanghai: Helen Buckley fcJ and nephew Alan Buckley



The weeks flew by quickly. We were asked to spend our final day in prayer and try to commit our experiences to memory. We were told during the Spiritual Exercises that 'we never exhaust the experience during the experience'. So it was an opportunity to wander by the Cardoner once more, look at the beauty of Montserrat from my room or the terrace, and savour what had taken place. In the afternoon a few of us wandered into town for one last coffee and ice cream. We talked about our time together and our plans when we left Spain. Our final Mass began in the room where we had our coffee breaks during class times and at the homily, each of us shared something of our experience at Manresa. After the homily we processed to the Cave where Ignatius began writing the Spiritual Exercises. We managed to fit in the relatively small space and continued our celebration of the Eucharist together for the last time. After dinner we spent the evening 'popping corks', taking photos, singing and saying 'au revoir' to each other.

I remember Javier saying to us one day: "Gratitude is at the heart of the Spiritual Exercises". Gratitude best sums up my experience too. It has been an incredible journey and I hope and pray the graces will stay with me for the rest of my life.

I left Manresa on 31 May and flew to London. I spent a few days in Somerset with a great friend and former FCJ, Andrea Le Guevèl. For the next four weeks I was in

London at Gumley House, the FCJ Generalate, where it was warm and sunny! I enjoyed a few days in Broadstairs with Barbara Brown-Graham fcJ and thoroughly loved seeing old familiar places again, including Morelli's ice cream parlour, a famous haunt for FCJs for many years!

I was able to catch up with many friends while in London and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality afforded me by the FCJs at Gumley. We went to two excellent plays and I saw some of the sights of London and marvelled at the amazing transport system (the Oyster Card certainly leaves the Myki card in Melbourne for dead!) While in London I caught the Eurostar to Paris, again to catch up with FCJs, in particular Maureen Martin fcJ and Marie Geneviève Renaud fcJ. It was a chance to visit the Church of St Dominique and pray at the final resting place of Marie Madeleine. I spent another 10 days in London and then left for home via Shanghai where my brother John lives with his wife and family. My sister Madeline and her son Charlie joined me there as we celebrated John's 60th birthday on 10 July. Shanghai is simply amazing! We had a fantastic time and it was good to spend time with family before I returned to Australia on 13 July. Leaving Shanghai airport during a typhoon would require another chapter!

It is good to be home and I am very blessed and grateful to have had such a wonderful sabbatical.

Helen Buckley fcJ

Montserrat



The FCJ Pilgrimage for Sisters from Around the World 2015

In gratitude for an enriching experience ...

As part of the preparation for the bicentenary of our Society, FCJ Sisters had been invited to companion each other on a sacred journey in the footsteps of our Foundress, Marie Madeleine. Our group – those who made First Profession between 1964 and 1970 – were blessed with this pilgrimage in July. Thirty of us gathered for six days at Issoudun, where we took time apart to enter into that deeper journey of the heart. We reflected with one another on some of the questions as to who we are, personally and as members of the Society, today and into the future. We also visited some of the places associated with Marie Madeleine. These included Châteauroux, Pouplain and Parassy. We were fortunate to be in Bourges Cathedral (where Marie Madeleine and Joseph were married) for Sunday Mass and while there met and visited some of the members of Marie Madeleine's family, who made us so welcome.

After staying in Issoudun we travelled to Paris for five days and spent time at the Church of St Dominique, where Marie Madeleine rests, and at Rue de La Santé, in the room where she died.

We visited some of the places where she prayed, including Picpus, and spent a day in Amiens, the 'cradle' of the Society. In each of these places there was a very simple ritual prepared by the General Leadership Team. In her opening address, Sr M Claire Sykes fcJ (General Superior) emphasised that we were not 'doing the pilgrimage'; the pilgrimage is the lens through which we were looking at ourselves. This experience is not about retracing Marie Madeleine's steps and focusing on her story. It is about who I am as an FCJ Woman today.

Our time together was certainly blessed with personal and group reflection. Many memories were shared and stories related. There is so much more to ponder and I think each of us was filled with a great hope for the future. It is now up to each one to foster this hope so that our beautiful charism can continue to spread.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to Sisters M Claire Sykes, Joanna Walsh, Barbara Brown-Graham and Patricia Binchy (General Leadership Team). Also to our women of wisdom and experience who were our guides: Sisters Mary Campion McCarren, Mary Fitzpatrick, Lorenza Magagnin and Juliet Ory. In addition we were blessed to have Sr Camilla Burns (Notre Dame de Namur), who gave inspiring input during each morning while in Issoudun. All of this enabled us to view the universe as not static but evolving, and of course this will continue throughout our lives.

Maureen Merlo fcJ

'There is so much more to ponder and I think each of us was filled with a great hope for the future.'

Mary Campion McCarren fcJ,
one of the tour leaders outside the first FCJ House in Amiens



Amiens Gathering 2015



A Voice from Benalla, Victoria

This year, I was fortunate to participate in the Marie Madeleine d’Houët Pilgrimage in France. This was the third time groups of FCJ educators, Companions in Mission and others connected with the FCJ Society gathered to learn more about the Foundress by visiting the locations of some of the most pivotal moments in her life.

There were many memorable moments on our journey, and with each location we visited, we were given a little more insight into the life and times of Marie Madeleine d’Houët. To see the objects she touched, the paths she walked and the rooms and places where she prayed was a great honour and very enlightening.

For me, the highlight of our pilgrimage was not any particular physical location, but meeting, travelling and interacting with the other pilgrims themselves. We were told upon our arrival in Amiens, before we came to know each other, that each pilgrimage is different. Despite travelling the same paths as previous years and visiting the same places, a pilgrimage is as unique as its participants.

It was fantastic to meet other people from around the world, who by their work as teachers and administrators within a variety of schools and settings, were carrying on the charism of Marie Madeleine d’Houët. We shared in liturgies that celebrated different aspects of her work, each led by groups of pilgrims from different schools, and infused with their own cultural perspective. The FCJ Sisters who led the pilgrimage were kind, considerate and very knowledgeable and inspired us with their enthusiasm and ability to bring Marie Madeleine’s story to life.

Another highlight was meeting the descendants of her family. It felt a little like meeting long-lost relatives and it was a joy to spend time with them.

I am very thankful to have been given the opportunity to participate in the pilgrimage this year. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, learnt a lot and can highly recommend that readers participate in the pilgrimage if the opportunity arises.

Rodney Reardon
FCJ College, Benalla



FCJ College Benalla



Benalla



The burial place of Marie Madeleine d’Houët, St Dominique Parish Church, Paris

Fidelity and Joy!

On Sunday 13 September at Genazzano FCJ College Chapel, the Eucharist was celebrated on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Profession of Margaret Claver Hayes fcJ and the Diamond Jubilee of Profession of Helen Mary Langlands fcJ, Catherine Morrison fcJ and Aileen Ryan fcJ.

The principal celebrant was Fr Michael Hansen sj. Earlier this year Sr Paola Terroni fcJ of the Province of Asia–Australia celebrated her Golden Jubilee in Manila, The Philippines.

On these joyous occasions the Sisters of the Province gathered in the presence of family and friends to celebrate many years of devoted service to the Church of these faith-filled and generous women.

Margaret Mary Kennedy fcJ



Aileen Ryan fcJ
Diamond Jubilarian



Helen-Mary Langlands fcJ Diamond Jubilarian



Anne Morrison fcJ

Catherine Morrison fcJ Diamond Jubilarian



Family members in the Offertory Procession





A family celebrates with Margaret Claver Hayes fcJ, Golden Jubilarian



Soloists: Yvonne Payet and Helda Payet, St Ignatius Richmond Parish



Margaret Claver Hayes fcJ
The Jubilee cake



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The Woman at the Well

How did Jesus and the woman at the well come to Benalla?

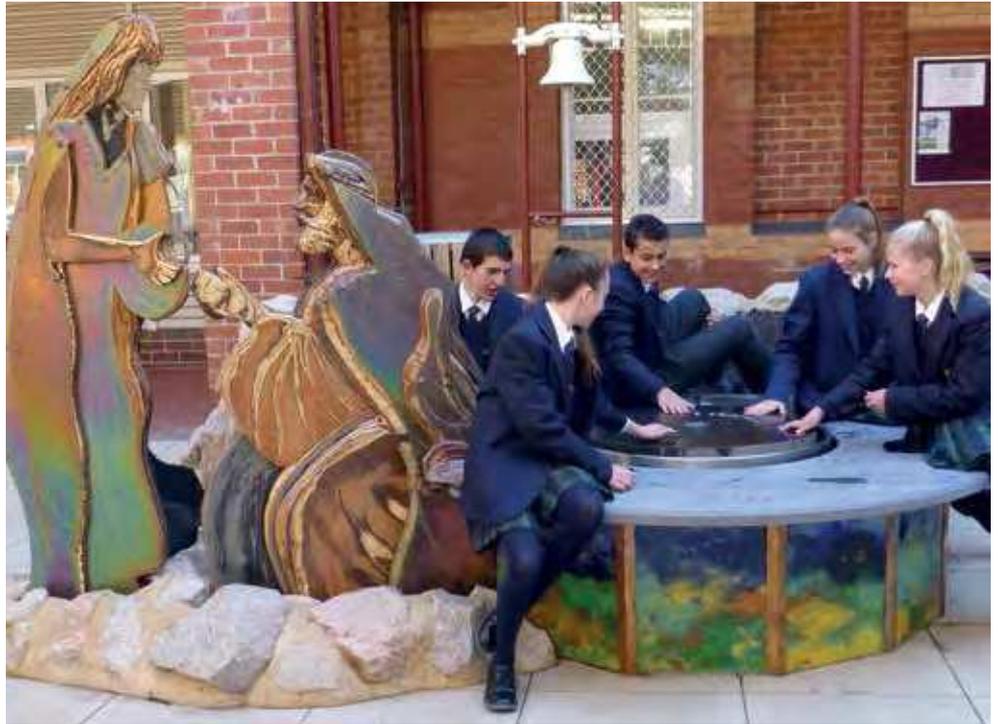
When we built the new Victoire wing at FCJ College, Benalla, it created a formal inner courtyard, surrounded on two levels by balcony verandahs. A decorated archway frames the main student entry. Our planning envisaged a central focus feature. With such a prominent location at the main student entrance, we desired to embody a key facet of FCJ spirituality. The “I thirst” call from Jesus encountered by Marie Madeleine spoke strongly to us. To introduce a peaceful note and give life to the courtyard, it was also suggested that it be a water feature.

After a period of discernment, Sr Margaret Claver Hayes fcJ suggested the story of the woman at the well. This fitted beautifully. Artist Jenny Steiner was commissioned to design and craft the piece, with construction help from local tradesman Phil Cook and FCJ Benalla’s own Robbie Elliot.

The installation consists of a bluestone-topped well about two metres across, and life-size figures of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The well protrudes from a stone outcrop, reminiscent of biblical scenes. Water flows over a raised centre circle, then into the inner part of the well. Washed by the flowing water is the inscription, “I thirst ...”. The outer ring forms a seat, on which a figure of Jesus sits. Standing in front of Jesus is the woman, about to pour him the drink he asked for.

My favourite effect happens every day: students playfully and unselfconsciously sit with Jesus. They happily place themselves physically and figuratively in the gospel story, our wider story as followers of Jesus and the FCJ Charism story. At its dedication on Founders’ Day 2015, Fr Brian Boyle preached to great effect on this gospel passage, demonstrating the resonance of the story today. The piece is at once beautiful, inviting and instructive. I think Marie Madeleine would have loved it.

David Leslie, Principal,
FCJ College, Benalla 2005–2015.



Students around the Well

Hands on the Well





Companions in Mission and a Social Justice Initiative – Birthing Kits

In previous years the FCJ Sisters and Companions in Mission have celebrated International CiM Day with prayers and input from a variety of interesting and informative speakers. This year, we decided to do something different and CiM Group 1 invited other CiMs and FCJ Sisters to participate in an apostolic activity by supporting the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) in hosting a birthing kit assembly day on Sunday 20 September. We felt that this apostolic activity would be a most appropriate way to celebrate Marie Madeleine's birthday, since she defended and protected small children and championed the need for both the education and improved health of women and children.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of women giving birth in developing countries by reducing the incidence of infant and maternal mortality. The Foundation distributes clear birthing kits and administers training programs in remote regions of the developing world. Birthing kits have been distributed to more than 30 countries in Africa and the Asia-Pacific Region.

So what is a birthing kit? It is a small lightweight plastic bag which holds six basic supplies for a clean birth: a plastic sheet, gauze, cord, gloves, scalpel blade and a small piece of soap.

The 38 CiMs, FCJs and friends, who gathered at the Madeleine Centre, Genazzano College on Sunday 20 September, assembled 200 Birthing Kits. The excellent preparation for the day, and the expertise of those present, resulted in the kits being completed in record time in one session! After a delicious lunch, we assembled for a delightful Skype call with CiMs and two FCJs in Indonesia. A highlight of this Skype call was that in turn, those gathered in Melbourne read aloud a prayer in English, and those gathered in Indonesia read aloud the same prayer in their own language. Some dialogue continued between those in Indonesia and in Melbourne. After the Skype call, we had a prayerful reflection, prepared by Jane Branigan (CiM Benalla) and we concluded with the song: 'Who will speak' by Marty Haugen. We all felt that the day had given us a wonderful sense of companionship and was a new way of celebrating International CiM day. In addition, it was exciting to experience how modern technology assisted the 'interweaving of our lives' (GC 2013).

Shirley Yau



Margaret O'Donohue fcJ listening to the speakers in Indonesia via Skype

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