

Meeting of the young generation sisters of the future Region of North America

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Sunday, July 5, and Monday, July 13, by the province of Canada

Friday, July 10, by the province of the United States

Saturday, July 11, by the province of Colombia

Sunday, July 12, by the province of Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua

Sunday, July 5, we started by getting acquainted in the big group, and then in the small group. We were divided into three groups. Getting to know each other was great; it was the first time we were together. We shared our experiences, our joys and our sorrows. Then we answered the question, "Who am I in this world? "

It was also the time to give all the information and instructions to be followed during the meetings. The translators were presented and the secretaries.

The sisters in the organizing team had prepared well ahead of time all the questionnaires that had to be answered during the meetings. They gave us time to reflect so that we were able to share freely what we thought and felt.

July 10: Power Point presentations of each province

The presentations were rich; it helped us to know better the reality in each province: the foundation and purpose of the mission, the number of sisters and communities (international and intercultural), the challenges and problems, the strengths and joys of the sisters in accomplishing their mission. It was clear that each sister is well engaged and enthusiastic in her mission, taking up the responsibility that the Institute has entrusted to her.

There is also the challenge of age groups, no vocations except in Mexico, where there is a pre-novice. Houses are closed, there are less than 4 sisters in certain communities. We find it difficult to give up certain traditional missions and to embrace new missions that are urgent in the current reality. There is also the government problem (corruption), the environmental problem (destruction of the ecosystem), social problems (in education and medical care, no work for young people, poverty, drugs, depression).

During the other 3 days we focused our efforts on the shared experiences and the reality in our missions.

Finally,

we thank all the sisters from the four provinces who supported us with their prayers. Thank you also to the team that organized this meeting, to the provincials who gave us this opportunity. Thank you to all those who participated in this first meeting which was so interesting and rich; thank you for the openness and active participation of each one.

" Like Christ, we want to approach everyone with a humble heart, ready to learn and to receive as much as to give, with his attitude of respect, acceptance of persons, openness and service." CS 99

