

News Updates from the Generalate Easter 2014

As we send you our Easter Greetings, we take the opportunity to also give you some updates of recent happenings here in Rome.

Secretariat: As you are aware from the last Meeting Point, Sr. Maryann Dedewo was appointed to the Secretariat in the Generalate. We are pleased to tell you that Sr. Maryann arrived in Rome on April 10th and is beginning the process of regularising her residency in Italy. She will attend language school to learn French in the near future.

Archives: Sr. Irini Chenouda will join the Community in the Generalate as Archivist for the Congregation, when she has completed her Sabbatical time. We are grateful to Sr. Irini and to the Province of Egypt, to Sr Ragaa and her Council, for their generosity in providing us with a long awaited Archivist.

District of Holland: Sr. Mary T. visited the Sisters in Holland at the beginning of April. The two remaining Sisters in the Community in Sittard, Srs Paula Maria and Wilhelma, continue the process of moving the OLA community from the Convent in Sittard to the retirement home in Cadier en Keer, which is run by the SMA Fathers. The three OLA Sisters resident in Cadier en Keer – Srs Suzanne, Christophora and Hendrika will be joined by Srs Paula Maria and Wilhelma before July. Let us continue to support the Sisters with our prayers. We extend our gratitude to the Province of Ireland, to Sr. Kathleen and her Council for their support in making Sisters available to spend some time in Sittard, journeying with the Sisters there. Thanks in particular to Srs. Eileen Cummins and Stephanie Greene. On June 15th, the Parish in Sittard will have a final farewell for the Sisters. Let us keep them all in prayer that day, and with their Parish give thanks for their wonderful spirit of mission that continues to burn as strongly as ever there.

Provincial Chapter - Ghana: From April 23rd until May 7th, the Provincial Chapter will take place in Brafuyaw. Sr. Mary T. will represent the General Council there.

Assembly – Algeria: The Assembly is scheduled for the last week in April but as usual it is proving very challenging to obtain the necessary Visa. Sr. Daniela continues to hope it may be granted in time for the Assembly to go ahead as planned.

Assembly – Quebec: This is scheduled to take place from June 7th to 21st. Sr. Denise will attend on behalf of the General Council.

Please keep these Province/Districts in your prayers as they continue to prepare for and or have their Chapter/Assemblies.

Visits: Sr. Felicia is planning a visit to **Botswana** towards the end of May/ beginning of June. She will then go to Holland in mid-June to be with the Sisters in their final weeks in Sittard.

Generalate Website: A 'members only' area has been created on the Generalate website where we can share information we do not want to appear in the public area. This area is **restricted to OLA Sisters**. The password is **7fb32013**. To help you remember the password we will explain it. 7 is for July when the last General Chapter took place; 'f' is for Felicia; 'b3' – is for Denise, Daniela and Mary whose surnames all begin with 'B'. And 2013 is for the year of the General Chapter. To ensure we keep this area private, please do not share this password with anyone apart from OLA Sisters.