

NEWS

Visitation to the Province of Mexico-Cuba



"Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could into the hill country to a town in Judah. She went into Zachariah's house and greeted Elizabeth... And Mary said, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord'".
(Lk. 1, 39-46)

Sister Monica Joseph, RJM, Superior General, and Sister Alejandra Diaz, RJM, Councilor for America, visited Mexico and Cuba from February 5th to March 20th, 2018. Sister Irene Rodriguez, RJM Councilor responsible for formation, joined them on March 9th and together they visited the community of the Novitiate of America.

The visitation began with a shared meal with all the Sisters from the City of Mexico and then we went to present ourselves to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to place in her Mother's heart the life and mission of the Province.

The Provincial Conference was held on the 17th and 18th of March in the Community of the School Regina, in Mexico City, with the presence of 71 Sisters and the Novices and Postulants.



Jesus and Mary arrived to **Mexico** in the year 1902.

Due to the political and religious persecution our sisters left the country and went to the United States and in 1948 they returned to Mexico.

When they returned they opened a community in near-by **Cuba** in 1949. When the Cuban revolution broke out, the Sisters had to leave in 1961, and could return only in 1991.

At present there are:

12 Communities

74 Sisters of perpetual vows

1 Sister of temporary vows

3 Novices

The Novitiate of America is in the City of Mexico and there is also a Sister of perpetual vows from the Province of Argentina and a Haitian Novice from the Province of the United States.

Two Mexican religious are rendering service outside the Province: Sister Berchmans Lowenberg Rodriguez RJM, in the General House since many years ago and Sister Patricia Moguel Magaña, RJM in the Delegation of Africa. Many thanks to them and to the Province for their generosity! In previous years, several Mexican religious have collaborated in other Provinces and especially in the General House. Thank you very much

The average age of the Sisters in the Province is of 67 years. Of the 75 religious, 30 are less than 70 years of age.

We see as a sign of hope that at the present moment there are some young in formation and others who manifest their interest in following Jesus in our Congregation.



The Province is present in two countries: Mexican United States and the Republic of Cuba. In both the Charism of Claudine, with the accent placed on the 3 priorities of the 36th General Chapter, is the present response given.

States in which JM is present:

Mexico City, Mérida, Michoacán and Morelos en MEXICO

And in the cities of Havana, Cacocum and Mantua in CUBA

ITS MISSION:

4 Schools + 1 School not our own High School Level

1 Home for Street girls in risk

2 Community Centers, one in CDMX and another one in Habana

1 Social Work JEMA

1 House of Prayer

1 Center of help for children and their families

1 Experience of an itinerant mission in the Diocese of Holguín, Cuba

Mission and pastoral work in Parishes, activities of catechesis, consolation, formation, accompaniment, visit to the families

Penitentiary Pastoral work

The Province has an extensive mission field, in two different countries, in the area of formal and non-formal education, in youth pastoral work and pastoral work in the Parishes and in different social environments.

Regarding the International Volunteer Program they send Volunteers to other countries and receive volunteers, both in Mexico as in Cuba.

The religious of the Province have deepened and have formed themselves in ES.PE.RE. They promote the workshops of Pardon in different realities of the Province and also in other Provinces. Several former pupils in communion with the religious carry out Projects of human promotion and evangelization. .

On July 31, 2016 the Government Team of the Province began for a period of four years. Its members are:

Sister Concepción García Paredes RJM
Sister Luz Elena Iturbide Cortina RJM
Sister María de la Paz Viniegra Mesa RJM
Sister Celina Segovia Sarlat RJM
Sister Elsa Arjona Lizarraga RJM

Provincial Superior
Councilor, Replaces Prov. Superior, Apostolic Mission
Councilor, Formation and Secretary
Councilor, Mistress of Novices of the Novitiate of America
Councilor, Bursar

With the use of some images we will try to share some aspects of the life and mission.

Encounters



We enjoy ourselves together...



Together with Mary we can all sing the greatness of the Lord, because we were and we are visited by God, while we journey as “one only Apostolic Body”, trusting in the richness of our Charism, to give a prophetic response today”.

