Millbury SASV Associates Meeting Zoom Video Conference Meeting Thursday October 29, 2020 "For all the Saints"



Welcome: The Millbury Associates have not had in-person meetings since March 2020. Although there have been opportunities to meet remotely during the spring and summer, including the retreat a few weeks ago, a good number of our Associates and Sisters are not able to meet through the technology of a "Zoom Meeting". During this meeting of prayer and faith sharing let us call to mind all our Sisters and Associates, especially Sr.Jeanne who cannot join us. (*brief pause*)

Pray together: SASV Congregational Prayer

Providential God, who through all ages are equally wise, powerful, and generous towards those who trust themselves to you...... Protect us, assist us, save us. Amen.

Scripture: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. *Hebrews 12:1*

Brief reflection: (Stephen)

Faith sharing:

When you hear the word "saint" or "holy person," what do you envision?

Do you believe that God has set you apart for himself and for his mission in the world?

Who are some of the "saints" who have encouraged you in your faith?

Do you have any news or questions not related directly to tonight's theme that you wish to briefly share?

In Remembrance

Lord God,

You are the glory of believers and the life of the just. Your son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Since our departed SASV Associate Sisters and Brothers believed in the mystery of your resurrection, let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come.

In Memoriam

Lorraine Nault	1986	Fernande Larochelle	2010
Shirley Hamilton	1995	June Lagassey	2012
Leo Sabourin	1998	Cheryl Ducharme	2013
Emily Mahan	2000	Margaret Wunschel	2015
Harriet Sweet	2002	Marilyn McLeod	2015
Joseph Larochelle	2005	Christine Caputi	2018
Scott Bernier	2005	Nancy Vaillancourt	2019
Loretta Goodreau	2007	Claire Desrosiers	2020
Paul Desrosiers	2008		

Almighty God, we thank you for those who have gone before us, especially our deceased Millbury Associates, pioneers in faith and ministry, thought, word and deed. We thank you for their example of living a Christ-like life.

We know that they were no more perfect than you and I, but we all are made in your likeness we are all called to live eternally with you..

Help us to remember when we are running the race of life, that all these people, the glorious company of Saints, stand by us, cheering us on, praying for us, and loving us.

Some updates:



Chapter 2020 Theme

The SASV Congregational Chapter 2020 was to be held in Cornwall Ontario this past July. It was cancelled due to Covid 19. A new date for the Chapter will be determined. Sr. Muriel Lemoine's term as Congregational Leader expired in July. Sr. Adrienne Roy is now the acting leader until the completion of the Chapter. We are grateful for Sr. Muriel's 10 years as leader to the congregation. Equally so for Sr. Adrienne for her acceptance as interim leader.

The Southbridge and Millbury Associates have sent Christmas gifts to the Sisters in the Marlborough and Worcester Area in the past. Christine is exploring the logistics of how this can be done during this pandemic as there are visiting restrictions etc. We hope to know in the next few days how to proceed.

Advent begins one month from today. Advent Booklets will be mailed to each Associate.