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Dear Friends,

This year Thanksgiving Day and the Feast of our Congregation's Foundress, Henriette Aymer, fall on the same day, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to her collaboration with our Founder, Fr. Pierre Coudrin, our Congregation came to be in the year 1800. Continuing their inspiration we spread the love of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary to all the people we meet especially all who come to this sacred space looking for spiritual guidance and respite. There is so much for which to be grateful.

The Priests/Brothers of the Congregation held their Provincial Chapter last week. A new Provincial was elected, Fr. Herman Gomes, from Hawaii. The Vicar provincial is Fr. Richard McNally, who was formerly the director of the retreat center. The councilors are Frs. Stephen Banjare, Richard Danyluk and Martin Gomes. They will be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Chapter and the smooth running of the Province. We thank Fr. Johnathan and the previous council for all they did especially for all their efforts to bring in new members.

One of the first pre-novices to live in Wareham was ordained a priest on Saturday. Congratulations to Fr. Jeremy Sabugo. He will be coming to the retreat center to celebrate Mass and greet everybody before beginning his first assignment. Date and time TBA.

**Hired: Part-time housekeeper**

Allyson Gianelli from Wareham applied and was hired as our newest staff member. She is young and energetic, full of enthusiasm.

Her grandmother passed to her eternal reward on November 5<sup>th</sup>. We joined Allyson and her family for a beautiful funeral Mass at St. Patrick's in Wareham.

Allyson is also working on getting the Retreat Center on facebook. I will keep you posted.

**Congratulations to the winners of the Support Team raffle:**

November: Sr. Joseph Marie Levesque, Sarah Kemp and Patricia Riley.

The **Support Team Raffle and Donations** has been successful in raising the money we needed for the operations of the Retreat Center and more. It covered nearly half of the cost of the “Big Dig” which is my name for the replacement of the water pipe in August. When I started to worry that we would not reach our goal, God gave me a wake-up call. This time it was in the form of a double rainbow... arching right over the whole retreat center property. Rainbows have special meaning for me ... it is a sign of God’s care and close presence. After praising God, I went into the house and opened the mail. There was an unexpected check with a \$5,000.00 donation to help cover the cost of the new pipe. I was convicted... I need to trust ... one day at a time. Thank you so much to all who have continued their support. God bless you all!

### **Retreats:**

Please join Peggy Patenaude on December 13<sup>th</sup> for “An Incredible Love Story”. To register call Peggy at 508-548-9149.

### **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

A flyer and information was sent to you last week. So just a reminder here: December 17th will be here before we know it. I am looking forward to seeing you again and meeting all your family and friends. Open House is from 1PM to 5PM.

### **First Anniversary Mass for Stan**

A Mass will be celebrated here at the retreat center chapel on Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM. All are welcome.

We don’t know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future. For that we are eternally grateful.

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to All



Sr. Claire Bouchard, ss.cc.

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