



Cluny Sisters in Senegal Celebrating 200 Years

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Through formal ministry in education and health care, through closeness to the people and outreach, Cluny Sisters in Senegal, Niger, Togo and Burkina Faso carry on the vision of Blessed Anne Marie and Mother Rosalie Javouhey with love and joy.

Songs, prayers and shouts of joy and laughter rang out as Cluny Sisters rejoiced in the gatherings of the bicentennial celebrations. The Province of Senegal / Niger was founded by Mother Rosalie Javouhey, sister of Blessed Anne Marie, in 1818, in the early days of the congregation. This is one of the few provinces in Africa to welcome Blessed Anne Marie, and that remains a source of motivation and missionary zeal.

As we celebrate our bicentenary, we remain a young, dynamic province, with over 50% of the sisters under the age of 50. Another characteristic of the province is its internationality and availability for mission. Our multi-cultural and international communities reflect the spirit of welcome and communion thus opening us to the universal church.

Geographically, we are present in very sensitive areas, dominated by the rise of religious fanaticism and Islamic sects. Despite this climate of insecurity and precariousness, our valiant missionaries keep the flame of hope and faith burning with the aid of our collaborators and benefactors who support us in our mission.

We continue to work in the field of the Lord through: the education of youth in schools, sewing centers for girls, health care, the empowerment of women, and outreach to the most vulnerable: children, prisoners, and disabled children.

We gratefully acknowledge the work, prayer and struggles of all the sisters who have gone before us these 200 years, to bring us to this wonderful moment in our history.

Communities of the Province
Senegal - Founded in 1818
11 Communities
44 Sisters
Niger- Founded in 1999
2 Communities
6 Sisters
Togo- Founded in 2012
1 Community
5 Sisters
Burkina Faso- Founded in 2012
1 Community
3 Sisters

Cluny Connections congratulates the sisters of the Province of Senegal-Niger. We are inspired by your witness and spirit of Blessed Anne Marie!