

Hamilton Associate News

Cluny Associate Terry Wallace

Erma Callender Joins Hamilton Associates

On October 15, 2016, Erma Callender made her first commitment as a Cluny Associate at a ceremony conducted by the late Sr. Regina Brunelle in the Good Shepherd Chapel in Hamilton, Ontario.

Erma attended St. Joseph Cluny Convent School in St. George's, Grenada before settling in Canada. Erma is an active volunteer in parish ministries at St. Mary's Parish in Hamilton and at Birthright Hamilton.

We joyfully welcome Erma with her quiet strength as our new sister-associate!

Cluny Sisters in Ghana (Con't)

cooperation, hard work and mutual support, has also become a strong advocate of family life. Muslims and Christians, staff and students, respect each other and work hand-in-hand. Assemblies are used to build up sound values and address the problems that inevitably crop up in any school. Parents are very supportive and the school office has become a safe place for them to share their worries, problems and concerns. More than anything else the school has broken down barriers between religions, tribes and nationalities thus fostering positive relations in the town.

The Sisters also promote family life through the Cluny Associates who gather in Barra for their Lenten retreats. They are joined by many of the parishioners, who love the all-night vigil and adoration. One old lady, who doesn't speak English, was asked how she manages to stay awake all night. She replied with the ultimate definition of prayer: "I look at Jesus, He looks at me and I tell Him what is in my heart!"

Associates Respond to the Human Trafficking Crisis

The Cluny Associates of Hamilton continue to explore the myriad of issues related to the global scandal of human trafficking and most recently, the insidious exploitation that has made its way into the business models of so many global corporations and their supply chains.

The August, 2016 edition of the anti-human trafficking newsletter entitled, "Stop Trafficking", revealed an alarming trend of unethical business practices and abuse among global corporations driven entirely by profit and increasing shareholder value.

Appalled by such reports of gross mistreatment of workers and disrespect of the environment, we prayed to the Holy Spirit for guidance to determine the kind of action we, as a small group of concerned women, could undertake as a response to this evil.

After sharing our inspirations within the group, we devised a plan to write a letter to the Dean of Business at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario voicing our concerns and requesting a meeting to discuss the curriculum of philosophy and ethics courses currently taught to young business students and to address the specific issues identified in the "Stop Trafficking" newsletter.

At present, we await a response to our enquiry from McMaster University's School of Business, in hope of raising greater awareness of these serious issues related to a global economy.



January is
Anti-Trafficking Month

Cluny Sisters in the USA and Canada support the international Blue Heart effort:

The Blue Heart Campaign against Human Trafficking works to raise awareness of the plight of victims and to build political support to fight the criminals behind trafficking. The Blue Heart Campaign, adopted by several countries all over the world, seeks to encourage involvement and inspire action to combat human trafficking.

Visit the website: www.unodc.org/blueheart/en