

# Hands Across the Globe

Provinces of New Zealand/Philippines and USA & Canada  
Collaborate to Provide a Special Cluny Sisters' Retreat

*How I desire all my dear daughters to be  
of one heart and one mind!*  
(Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey)

Sister Marie Cooper



## Retreat participants:

**Front row - Sisters Bernadette St. Leger, Francis Kelly, Gabrielle O'Neill, Irene Boucher-Hayes. Back row: Sisters Allison Macalister (Province Leader), Pacifica Sun Chunmin, Rosalie Johnson, Marie Cooper (retreat leader), Sister Lusini Falemaka, Sister Luisa Nava and Sister Emeli Flavia Marafono.**

*A*s *Missionary Disciples for a New World*, we Cluny Sisters reach out, collaborate, and support one another by sharing personnel across provinces (geographical regions) and continents. Sister Allison Macalister, the province leader of New Zealand/Philippines, invited me to lead a retreat for our sisters in Tauranga, New Zealand. I felt deeply honored and also joyful and full of expectation not only to lead a retreat, but to get to know our sisters, their ministries, and their beautiful country.

After the retreat, Sister Allison wrote, "We were so happy to have you and to be receivers of the wonderful knowledge you have of our Foundress, making our Charism Retreat alive with her spirituality and humanness. I know that each sister who entered into the retreat went home richer for this special time."

For me also, it was a very special time, and I returned home richly blessed through my encounters with the sisters and through our contemplation and prayer together. I truly feel that Blessed Anne Marie was smiling on her daughters as we gathered in one heart and mind to let her missionary life and the scriptures illumine our journey as disciples on mission in this "new world".

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*I was hungry, thirsty, sick, in prison . . .  
when you did it for my sisters and brothers,  
you did it for me. (Jesus)*



Because of you  
our lives  
have been changed!

With your help  
more lives can be  
changed!



## Thank You!

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you made in my life," so many people tell us.

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of \$50,000 for 2020.***

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