

Anniversary Celebrations for Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey

This year, celebrations were held around the world as Cluny Sisters marked important anniversaries in the life of Blessed Anne Marie:

200 years ago the site for the city of Mana, French Guiana, where Anne Marie led the project for the liberation of African slaves, was identified.

170 years ago, Anne Marie entered into eternal life.

70 years ago, Anne Marie Javouhey was declared Blessed.

San Pedro, California

The Community of Mary Star of the Sea gathered with Associates to celebrate Blessed Anne Marie's Anniversaries. Many found the Novena on our blog an enriching experience, uniting the Cluny Family around the world. They also commented on how Anne Marie Javouhey communicated through her many letters with the Sisters, her family, clergy, and civic leaders for the good of the mission. We are grateful to all who share the Cluny charism. Celebrating Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey, the Year of Prayer for her Canonization, and the 170th Anniversary Novena, have graced our lives and abundantly blessed us.

Newport, Rhode Island

On July 17, 2021, Cluny Sisters, Affiliates, Associates and friends gathered to celebrate Blessed Anne Marie's life and spirit in Newport, RI. After the welcome and prayer offered by Sister Genevieve-Marie, Province Leader, we enjoyed a light lunch and time to visit. We then all proceeded to our parish church, St. Augustin, for the celebration of Eucharist offered for Cluny Sisters, Affiliates, Associates, and friends, living and dead. After the long months of confinement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the possibility to gather with so many of our friends brought us great joy.

France

Celebrations were held at Blessed Anne Marie's birthplace, Jallanges, the church of her baptism, Seurre, and her childhood home, Chamblanc,



to honor her. Celebrations focused on her work of liberation of slaves in defiance not only of the colonial practices, but also the prevailing views of the French society of the time. Many Sisters, members of the Javouhey family, friends, and local dignitaries attended.



L-R Front Row: Sister Mary Patrice Watson, Cecilia Bremer, Maureen Brady, Colleen Kaveny; L-R Back Row: Theresa Rodriguez, Sister Mary Josephine Glynn.



Center: Sister Genevieve Marie Vigil. Row 1 L-R: Linda Sagamang, Mary Durgin, Jack Grant, Sister Anne Marie Liston, Row 2: Anne Clarke and Louise Costley, Sister Josephine St. Leger, Molly McGregor.

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