



RE-CONNECTING ACROSS THE BAY OF FUNDY



One Sister of Charity, I.C. and four Associates from Greater Saint John, NB braved the cold waters of the Bay of Fundy to visit Associates in Digby, NS on Nov. 12th, 2017. The visitors were Associates Donna Schroeter, Mary Ann Kneeland, Ann Brantnall, Sharon Jacquard and Sr. Emily Lordon. The ferry crossings were extremely calm for this time of year which made us very happy.

We were met on the other side by Marilyn Moore and Betty Cosman and proceeded to St. Patrick's Church hall where we gathered for prayer and song to begin our day led by Marilyn.

The Digby Associates were interested in what the Saint John Associates do for communal and individual ministries. Sharon talked about the Outflow Ministry, a monthly supper that is provided to the marginalized in the inner city of Saint John. Donna, Mary Ann and Ann shared the various individual ministries that Saint John Associates are involved in. Sr. Emily suggested that it would be interesting for us to hear about the ministries in which the Digby Associates are involved. They each explained what they are involved in and each will submit an article to Sharon to be included in the Associates Connected Newsletter.

A number of Digby Associates also made their recommitment and Sr. Emily Lordon was asked to preside over the ritual. Our day was a wonderful witness of how Associates and Sisters support one another in living the Charity charism in our daily lives. The day ended in prayer and song again led by Marilyn. Before we knew it, the time came to say our goodbyes and board the Fundy Rose for our trip home.

by Sharon Jacquard, Atlantic Associate

(In photo, left to right: Betty Cosman, Sister Emily Lordon, Theresa Marshall, Carolyn McClafferty, Nicole Le Blanc. Photo by Sharon Jacquard)

From 1943 to 2014, Sisters of Charity, I.C. lived and served in Digby, providing education, parish ministry, adult faith formation, retreats and social service. In the fall of 2005, Sr. Emily began to gather women who later made commitment as SCIC Associates. Together, they met regularly to pray, deepen their spirituality and more fully express the SCIC charism in daily life. Charism can be described as the original and evolving gift for life and mission.