



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN PERU

PERU, South America – Sister Mary Beth McCurdy of Saint John, N.B. (*second from left*) made a historic journey here Feb. 7-18, 2017 as congregational leader of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIC).

She visited five of the eight mission sites where 20 SCIC ministered during the past 50 years. Here she is pictured in Chincha Baja with Maria Figerora (*left*), Sister Rita Coumont, SCIC and Alicia Arena de Keogh (*right*).

The first six Sisters went to Peru in 1967. Sister Rita arrived in 1970 and has been in Otuzco, Cajamarca since 1989 among subsistence farming families high in the Andes Mountains. She organized and accompanied Sister Mary Beth on the February tour. In Otuzco, the people of San Lucas Parish led a joyful liturgy Feb. 12 celebrating the Sisters' 50th anniversary in Peru. SCIC founded and continue to administer the parish.

Sister Coumont returns to Canada in June 2017, marking the end of SCIC presence in Peru as educators; health care and social service providers; liturgical and pastoral leaders and ministers of spiritual and religious care and faith formation. Celebrations of thanksgiving are planned for later this year in Saint John. (*Photo: Jaime Keogh*)

