



SISTERS OF CHARITY FEDERATION EXPLORES SHARED FUTURE



Three members of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIC) leadership circle participated in the annual gathering of the Sisters of Charity Federation June 1-5, 2017 in Tarrytown, N.Y. The 2017 meeting was hosted by Sisters of Charity of New York during their 200th anniversary year. Participants also celebrated the Federation's 70th anniversary.

The gathering officially welcomed Sisters of St. Martha of Prince Edward Island as new Federation members, bringing the number of Canadian-based congregations to five of 14 member communities. Two other Canadian congregations are based in New Brunswick, with two in Nova Scotia. In total, about 70 leadership team members representing Sisters and Daughters of Charity gathered from Canada, the United States and South Korea. Panelists included a Sister from Belize, Central America.

Sister Roma also participated in the preceding meeting of non-governmental organization (NGO) liaisons representing member communities. They gather annually with the Federation's NGO representative at the United Nations to learn about and respond to global concerns for social and ecological justice.

The leadership meeting also heard from NGO representative, Sister Teresa Kotturan, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, Ky. originally from India. Her presentation focused on the serious plight of global migrants and refugees, with a focus on women and children.

The Federation brings together communities of women religious based in North America whose history and spirituality flow from Saints Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac in 17th century France and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in 19th century North America. The theme of this year's meeting was "Hazard Yet Forward" from a Seton family motto, indicating the need to go forward at whatever risk. It was adopted as a powerful reminder of the challenges and graces the Federation faces moving into a shared future. For more, see the Federation website: www.sistersofcharityfederation.org

