

Visitation Province coordinators in meeting – May 2013
From left to right: Sr. Kay Duffin, Ann Gotfryd, Sr. Nancy Hurren, Sr. Connie MacIsaac,
Anne Pisacreta, Sr. Phyllis Gallant and Winnie Odo.



Congrégation de Notre-Dame, Associate Relationship

Associates are lay women and men who, because of a desire to live Jesus' mission of service through justice, love and compassion in today's world, form a special relationship with a religious order. The movement known as Associate Relationship is rooted in Vatican II's understanding of the Church as the "People of God" which invites all the baptized to share in the mission of the Church.

Associates of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame choose to live and deepen their understanding of the charism of the foundress, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys and the mission of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame in partnership with sisters. Associates, while remaining faithful to their own personal vocation, make an annual commitment and participate in prayer, meetings, ministry and celebrations. In our busy world, associates discover a spirituality which enhances their life.

Congrégation de Notre-Dame Central Office of Associate Relationship

The Central Office is at the service of Associate Relationship. The office is staffed by two co-coordinators and an administrative assistant who work together with provincial/regional coordinators, the Central Committee of Associate Relationship and the liaison to the general administration of the Congregation. This office coordinates and carries out the recommendations proposed at the annual international meeting of the Central Committee.

Mission of the Central Office

- to foster communication, mutuality, and communion among associates and sisters throughout the Congregation
- to promote the growth of Associate Relationship
- to promote leadership development at every level to provide support and to gather resources for provincial/regional coordinators
- to offer opportunities for reflection and integration of Visitation and Pentecost spirituality, and the Mission Orientation of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame
- to nurture fidelity in living the CND Associate Mission-Vision Statement