

FMDM CHAPTER OF MATS 2018

DAY 2: NEWS UPDATE



Our guest speaker, Sr Carol Zinn SSJ was warmly welcomed by Sr Monica Weedon. Carol brings a wealth of experience from her varied ministries as well as her experience in leadership and of working with numerous religious congregations. All that Carol shared with us reflected her own passion, desire and search for what it means to live consecrated life **today**.

Carol's presentations were full of life and humour but with a challenging, sometimes confronting, but always encouraging message for us. All the participants were listening very attentively as they found all that she shared had so much relevance for us as a Congregation, for religious life today and for our world.

Carol enabled us to enter into a process of discernment and contemplative dialogue around our theme of **'Living Emerging Religious Life Today and into Tomorrow from a Contemplative Stance.'**

The topics covered today were on:

Gospel Joy as a Way of Life

- ◆ Religious Life for the Life of the World
- ◆ Yesterday's Religious Life is for Yesterday
- ◆ Religious Life Lived with Gratitude

Radical Simplicity as a Way of Life

- ◆ Understanding the Times in which we live.
- ◆ Utilizing the Graces of these Times.
- ◆ Urging the Challenges of these Times.



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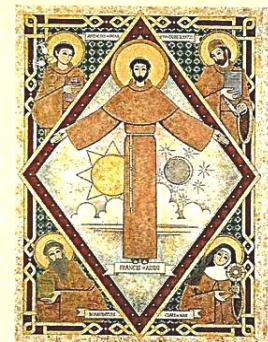
Gospel Joy as a Way of Life

The form of life of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St Francis is this: To observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.....it should be obvious that they are joyful and happy in the Lord (Rule and Life 1 & 20)



Radical Simplicity as a Way of Life

Led by the Lord, let them be conscious that all of us must be continually and totally converted to the Lord. As a sign of their conversion and consecration to gospel life they are to live in simplicity (Rule & Life 6)



Dan Harris



Dan Harris, Communications Director Turn Trust www.turn.uk.net is filming Sr Carol's talks which we hope will be made available soon on Youtube.

Sr Carol giving the session



Susan Wakefield providing secretarial support

Céad Míle Fáilte

A big warm welcome to Sean O'Healy and Eamonn Feely (lay members of the Irish Leadership Team) who joined us for the Chapter of Mats today as active participants for our FMDM Chapter of Mats. We also welcomed Sr Breege O'Neill RSM, facilitator working with FMDM Ireland. Jeannie Buckland (lay member of the Irish Leadership Team) is a participant for FMDM Chapter of Mats for the whole duration.



Photo (L—R) Sean, Breege, Jeannie, Eamonn



Sr Lontia Siakalambwa RHS, facilitator for FMDM Zambia and FMDM Zimbabwe (now known as FMDM Southern Africa)



Sr Letwina Musekiwa LCBL, facilitator for FMDM Zimbabwe Leadership Team

Srs Lontia and Letwina were active participants throughout the Sr Carol Zinn's sessions.



We are delighted to have the CLT Finance Team as active participants throughout Sr Carol Zinn's sessions. (Photo L—R) Shaun Cooper, Teresa Reed and Emily Smith.