

Gathering of FMDM Associates at the
CHAPTER OF MATS
in our Motherhouse Ladywell Convent on 11 May 2014



Welcome Address
by Sister Shirley Mills FMDM
Associate Sister



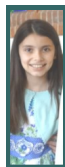
50 FMDM Associates
(friends and relatives)
gathered in Motherhouse
Ladywell Convent, England
for a Chapter of Mats.

Many FMDM sisters were
also present at this
gathering, and this gave the
Associates an opportunity
to meet our sisters.



First Commitment as FMDM Associates
Liz, Karen and Maggie

Liz, Karen, and Maggie made their First Commitment as FMDM Associates during the celebration of the Eucharist in Ladywell Chapel.



Grace *(daughter of Liz, the new Associate)* sang beautifully the responsorial psalm and Pie Jesu during communion.



Signing the documents in
the presence of two
witnesses —
*Sisters Shirley Mills and
Anne Kavanagh.*



Prayer space in the Chapter Room

PRAYER and REFLECTION

The Associates spent time in personal reflection and together as a group on *what it means to be an FMDM Associate today.*

“To be **Franciscan** is to pledge ourselves to lives of simplicity and joy in the Gospel.

To be **Missionary** is to proclaim Christ in our lives.

The **Divine Motherhood** is the way in which we co-operate with Mary in the conception, bringing to birth, and nurturing of Christ in our lives so that we might present him to others.

The Associateship has certainly evolved and grown over the past fifteen years or so, and although we are scattered throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, we are very much connected in prayer and support for one another and for the Sisters, who are even more scattered worldwide.”

(Extract from part of the reflection offered to the Associates by Pat Armstrong SFO)



Sister Jane (*Congregational Leader*)

shared with the Associates

a **Global view of the FMDM Congregation.**

FMDM Associates and FMDM Sisters

11 May 2014 in our Motherhouse Ladywell Convent, England

