



SISTERS OF ST. MARTHA INSTALL NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Antigonish –Monday, July 29th was the Feast Day of St. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. The Sisters of St. Martha celebrated this day by renewing their vows. Every five years the celebration includes the Rite of Installation of the new Leadership Team. This year marked the double celebration.

“Yes, we are willing to accept this role.” With Martha simplicity, the newly elected Leadership Team accepted their willingness to *carry the responsibility of stewarding the life and mission of the Congregation and to assist in the unfolding and the implementation of the Sacred Word of our Direction Statement of General Chapter 2024.*

The Ritual of Transition for the new Leadership Team of the Congregation marked the passing on of the “KEY” from the former Team to the incoming one. Sister Brendalee Boisvert has been called by the Congregation to be Congregation Leader into the next five years. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, presided over the Eucharistic celebration and the Installation of the Congregation Leader, marking the transition from the former term to the next. With her response, Sister Brendalee formally begins this new term, “I am ready...Led by the spirit of the Risen Jesus...and graced with courage...to help shape the emerging future”.



Those elected to lead the Congregation for the 2024-2029 term are: **Sr. Brendalee Boisvert, Congregation Leader** (4th from left), **Sr. Donna Brady, Assistant Congregation Leader** (2nd from right), and **Councillors:** **Sr. Claudette Gallant** (1st from right), **Sr. Josephine MacLellan** (3rd from right), **Sr. Jovita MacPherson** (3rd from left), **Sr. Elizabeth Riopelle** (1st from left) joins the Team as **Congregation Treasurer**, and **Sr. Joanne O’Regan** (2nd from left) as the **General Secretary.**

Following the Ritual of Transition, Bishop Kirkpatrick blessed the new Leadership Team, “Like Jesus, and your patroness Martha may you invite your sisters to sit down at the table and may you joyfully wait on them.”