

REFLECTION Sunday, September 24th

What do YOU want of me, God... ?

Where do YOU want me to serve you,... ?

How will I give birth to Jesus and be your love and presence  
in my world... ?

These are some of the questions our jubilarians pondered 70  
and 75 years ago when they first heard the gentle, loving  
but persistent call of God in their heart

COME, God said, PLEASE COME....I have a dream for you.

Today we celebrate your Jubilee...a JUBILEE proclaims a  
profound truth and the truth that we celebrate is

GOD'S call and your RESPONSE - your total gift of  
yourself to God

GOD's invitation and your daily YES as you strove each day  
to be all God desired you to become.

You have been Splendid, Striking Witnesses of God's love and like  
you we all wonder - What return we can make to God for all

that God has done in and through each of you...?

Your choice of readings and of the music gave us a glimpse into your journey into the heart of God. In both Psalm 100 and in Paul's letter to the Ephesians we heard God call you Beloved and tell you that from all eternity you have been loved. We also heard God invite you to come joyfully and promise to be with you and never leave you. Then, in the words of the prophet Micah God told you the dream. "This is what I ask of you, only this,

...to act justly,

...to love tenderly,

...to walk humbly with me, your God."

TO ACT JUSTLY... as you grew in intimacy you learned to share your thoughts, your dreams, your desires... everything with Jesus. And you experienced the same response. Even when you could not love yourself Jesus never stopped loving you. This

profound experience of love awakened in you a desire to love others as God loved you. Your love would be inclusive...no one would be left out. You would LOVE AS GOD LOVED YOU.

TO LOVE TENDERLY...

Tender love does not have answers, does not give advice, offers no solutions.... Tender love is PRESENCE... it is GOD'S PRESENCE... tender love stays with the tears, the struggles, disappointments, the depression as well as the successes.

TENDER LOVE IS PRESENCE - GOD'S PRESENCE and YOU, dear JUBILARIANS you have been that presence to many during your life because you have chosen to LOVE as GOD LOVES YOU.

TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD...

That is your life now. You do walk humbly with God because now  
YOUR DREAM AND GOD'S DREAM are the SAME DREAM.

As we celebrate your 70 and 75 years today we want first of all to  
thank your families who were the first to support and encourage  
you.

We thank and welcome too, all with whom you journeyed -  
colleagues, friends, students . They are here to witness to the  
truth that your life has impacted on them. They are changed  
because of you.

And we, your sisters in community, we know how blest we are to  
call each of you our sister. We thank you, we love you. We want to  
shout from the mountain tops and proclaim for all to know that  
this is your day... your jubilee. Yet, as I prepared this reflection  
and pondered how to celebrate you, the words of the Gospel you

chose came to me and I knew that this is what you want us to celebrate. And so in the name of all here present I will do that -

We pray and proclaim this truth...

“The Almighty God had done great things in each of you...

and Holy, Holy, Holy is God's name...”

Happy Jubilee dear Sisters. Thank you for the Gift you are to each of us. Amen.