

MARGUERITE, A WOMAN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

The Sisters of Charity of Montreal, “Grey Nuns,” were founded by Marguerite d’Youville in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1737. Marguerite not only helped her family who was in need, but extended her hand to all people who were wounded by life. Along with other women who shared her spirit, she served the poor and neglected of her time. In spite of discouraging setbacks, she persevered in works of charity until her death in 1771. She was officially recognized as a Saint of the Church in 1990 and given to the world as a model of compassionate love.



WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Marguerite left her legacy; a spirituality of compassion and unwavering faith in a Provident God as a way for others to follow and make known in their lives. Her belief in the equality and dignity of all made her a champion of human rights.

As a Congregation today, we are committed to:

- Solidarity with the poor
- Risk taking for the promotion of justice
- Contemplative stance – God is always with us
- Openness, mutual support and co-responsibility in the church and the congregation
- Sacredness of life

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can share in St. Marguerite’s legacy and mission in today’s world by a commitment as a Grey Nun, an Associate of St. Marguerite d’Youville, a lay collaborator, or a volunteer.

- Grey Nuns profess the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience.
- Associates, lay collaborators, and volunteers embrace the mission and spirituality of St. Marguerite through service to the poor in their own lifestyle.



WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you are interested in a ministry of St. Joseph Region, they are located in New England and Ohio and include:

- rural parish ministry
- healthcare ministry
- prayer companions
- family shelters
- pastoral care with the sick/elderly/handicapped
- thrift shop
- social justice ministry as an advocate for the poor and for our universe
- leadership
- vocation ministry

