

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS
1620-1700

Woman of:

- vision, courage, daring, born in Troyes, France, co-founder of "Ville Marie" (Montreal, Canada)
- faith with a "hands-on" spirituality that is inspired by the gospel mystery of Visitation-Pentecost and values of the first Christian community
- compassion rooted in God's love

A Pioneer who:

- founded the Congregation of Notre Dame, the first non-cloistered congregation of women in North America
- established the first school in Ville Marie, April 30, 1658
- began an Extern Congregation to meet the spiritual needs of the women in the colony on July 2, 1658 - - continuing today as Associate Relationship.

Educator, Social Worker, Marriage Counsellor, Leader, Confidant



I've Discovered a Spirituality that
Enhances My Life

A spirituality, inspired by the gospel mystery of
Visitation-Pentecost

- calling me to live relationships of mutuality and respect
- giving me a focus through which I can live my daily life
- challenging me to broaden my horizons
- inviting me to share my giftedness for the good of the whole world

Where We Are!

Today the spirit of Marguerite Bourgeoys inspires Associates and Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame in: Canada, the United States, Japan, Honduras, Guatemala, Cameroon, France, El Salvador, and Paraguay.

Discover more about Associate
Relationship

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Who can be an Associate?

Associate Relationship is open to women and men of all walks of life who are called to deepen their Christian commitment in the spirit of the Gospel, according to the spirituality, charism and mission of the Congregation of Notre Dame (CND).

As a CND Associate

I've discovered a spirituality that enhances my life - - family, work, social life, involvement in community, neighborhood....



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As a CND Associate,

a Christian disciple in the modern world, the life and spirit of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys urge me to proclaim by my entire life the Good News of a God of Love.



In Visitation-Pentecost spirituality, inspired by Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and her experience in the midst of the disciples at Pentecost, I have found a way to proclaim a Magnificat of Hope for our World.

I've Discovered

- relationships of mutuality within a community of believers - - associates and sisters who appreciate diversity and can work collaboratively with people from different backgrounds and cultures

- ways to make a lasting impact on individuals and communities - - ways to make a difference in this world right where I am

- Associates and Sisters who are like-minded and challenging - equal partners bringing a gospel solution to the world's needs

- experiences of personal and communal prayer that awaken in me:



— a sense of the sacred in ordinary life

— courage to act in a nonviolent way



— wisdom to work towards resolving situations of inequality, injustice to and oppression of people and the earth

— a desire to be a bridge-builder between persons, rich and poor

