



ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR RELIGIOUS

On Thursday, November 14, approximately thirty-five members of the Diocesan Religious Congregations, priests, sisters and brothers gathered at Nazareth House for the Annual Memorial Mass.

We are very grateful to the Nazareth Sisters who graciously host this Mass each year, prepare the Chapel, lead the singing and provide the luncheon that follows.

Traditionally at this Mass we remember especially members of our congregations who have ministered in this Diocese and who have died during the year. This year we prayed for four Brigidine Sisters, five Mercy sisters, three Loreto Sisters, a Christian brother and a St John of God Sister. May they rest in peace. Bishop Paul led us in the celebration and is always very supportive and affirming.



We welcomed two new leaders to the gathering, Sr Christina Aitken, Leader of the Mercy Sisters and Sr Ana Robertson, the newly appointed Leader of the Nazareth Sisters as well as the Redemptorist priests ministering in the Diocese this year, Frs Des FitzGerald, Duan, Mark, So'n, Vincent and Lo'vin. Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ from the Cathedral Parish was also welcomed. Their voices gave great tone to our singing! Bishop Paul and the Nazareth Sisters were presented with token gifts of our gratitude. The luncheon, which is most appreciated, was beautifully prepared by Nazareth staff and concluded a very joyful gathering.

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