

Unity in Diversity



From our constitution, Article 59 states, " We strengthen our family spirit by taking time to be together for prayer, meals, recreation, and celebrations." What a gorgeous day to participate in one of the planned events for our 175th Jubilee! Our oneness in diversity in the Osotwa Simanjiro community became visible as each sister excitedly looked forward to this great day.

The community members, Sisters Mary Nancy, Mary Justina, Mary Magreth, and Mary Abias, participated in preparing the special meals suggested by the committee. The meals prepared were noodles, vegetables/herbs, soup, and beef. All meals were ready by 5:00 p.m., and after our prayer together at 6:00, we happily processed to the dining room for our delicious meal.

It began with a blessing-of-the-meal prayer. We then served and enjoyed the tasty meal. Everyone ate with a smile, thanking God for the gift of our internationality. The day ended well with gratitude and joy for our leaders' thoughtful planning, who wanted to highlight our unity despite our diversity.

With joy, we thank God for blessing our congregation with the vocations of zealous sisters from 19 countries. Our 175-year celebration calls to mind memories of our great heroines: Sisters Maria Aloysia and Ignatia, who put into action the fire blazing in their hearts; our spiritual mother, St. Julie, who initiated internationality by embracing her dream of standing under the cross, encircled by diverse religious in her foundation. With loving perseverance, we look back with gratitude but forward with imaginative hope.

Happy 175th anniversary.