

## **SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY CONVENE AT RIVIER FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF EDUCATION**

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*Sisters of the Presentation of Mary from around the globe walked in a procession carrying the flag of their country during the Heritage Plaza Dedication Ceremony. Photo by Jodie Andruskevich*



Sisters of the Presentation of Mary gathered at Rivier to collaborate on Catholic education in the 21st century at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Education. The Congress, titled *Education: A Mission of Hope*, took place August 3–7, 2015. The event united representatives from 14 of the 20 countries where the Sisters serve and included lay collaborators who administer and teach in affiliated schools.

“Blessed Anne Marie Rivier created a global network of educational institutions that continue to prepare young men and women to be a transformative presence in our world.” Says Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President. “In fidelity to the spirit of Blessed Anne Marie Rivier, the University was a fitting location for the 3rd International Congress of Education.”

The event welcomed workshop presenters and attendees from Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, France, Gambia, Italy, Japan, Mozambique, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Spain and the United States. Workshops and discussion sessions, meetings with global speakers, visits to regional educational venues, and prayer filled the weeklong program.

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Keynote speakers included: Mr. Paul Malartre, former Secretary General of Catholic Education in France; Father John Fortin, OSB, Superintendent of Schools in the Catholic Schools Office for the Diocese of Manchester; Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation; and Father Marc Montminy, a Manchester diocesan priest who specializes in evangelization and retreat experiences.

Workshop topics focused on creating a shared vision of future challenges in Catholic education and how to best meet those challenges; reenergizing educators with a focus on their health and well-being; and providing practical tools for personalizing education in the schools of tomorrow. Workshops were taught in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish, with translations available.

Timed in conjunction with the International Congress, Sisters and visitors celebrated the Heritage Plaza dedication and blessing of the bronze sculpture of Blessed Anne Marie Rivier with the Rivier University community on August 4, 2015. ■