## FOR THE BICENTENARY OF THE CONGREGATION

## SHARING AN EXPERIENCE

I was fortunate to begin my "Religious Life" in the North-East of Brazil.



Sr. Philomea Whyte and Sr. Cécile Walrave

It was like a second novitiate, a novitiate in life, a very concrete life in a very hard context.

That changed me. There was born my deep desire to "close" to the less favoured people.

I left as a "missionary" sister and returned to Belgium as a "worker" sister; living the closeness, the apostolate of friendship with Moroccan and Turkish families, living in the same quarter and doing the same kind of work.

Thank you to all my sisters, "superiors" and others who have not only allowed but encouraged this choice.

Cécile Walrave Brussels, 3 April 2016.

