

JUBILEE OF 60 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS OF Sr. MARGARETE AND Sr. AGNES



For me, to live is Christ



On Saturday, 9 September, we were delighted to join our sisters Margarete Malfliet and Agnès Claessens (Manu) in thanksgiving for their jubilee of 60 years of religious life.

The celebration began with a Eucharist.



Father Robert Borremans, our chaplain (left), was the main celebrant, accompanied by Father Cédric Claessens (right) of the Emmanuel Community and nephew of Sister Agnès.

The readings chosen for the Eucharist were Isaiah 49:1-6, 8-16 and the Gospel according to Saint John 21:1, 4, 15-17.

After the homily, Father Robert gave the two jubilarians time to share their thoughts on the readings.



Agnès narrated the story of her vocation in connection with the question Jesus asked Peter by the lake ("Simon son of John, do you love me?"). She heard this question addressed to her: "Agnès, do you love me?"

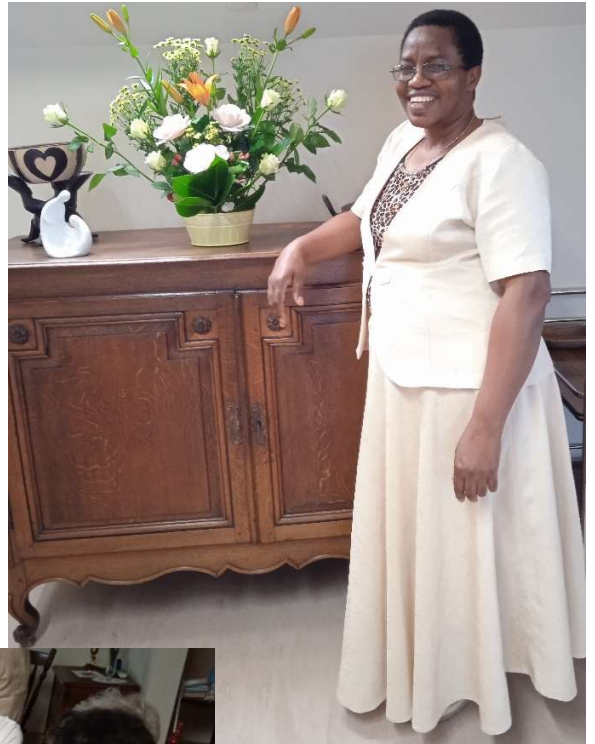
For Margarete, who had just left Brazil, her mission country since she made her first vows, this question Jesus put to Peter resonated with her for a long time. Even when one is too old to answer, one knows that the Lord has taken everything into account. She is convinced that her 60 years of service in Brazil have certainly served a purpose. She had to repeat Jesus' words several times until they made sense in her life.





A couple, friends of Margarete (Anailton and Rosa) who had accompanied her from Brazil to Belgium also took part in the celebration. They expressed their gratitude to Margarete for the work she had done in their country.

At this gathering, the Sisters officially welcomed Patricie as a member of the Belgium Region.



The celebration ended with a convivial moment . We thank God for this opportunity he gave us to meet and celebrate the wonders of His love.

Once again, congratulations, dear Margarete and Agnès, on your 60 years of self-giving and generous service.





