

LET IT BE DONE

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On August 15th. 2015, an event took place in the California Region that touched my soul deeply. Mary Rose (Creegan) left Marian Residence to live at Nazareth House near Culver City. Great efforts had been made to prolong her living at Marian, but eventually it became obvious that she needed a more structured environment.



Sr. Mary Rose Creegan

Several of us accompanied Mary Rose to Nazareth. Lunch there was a very pleasant occasion and we planned to combine lunch with her transfer. Sitting in the large patio was ideal. Staff dropped by, delighted to see Mary Rose, introducing themselves and intimating they would show her around later. At this point Mary Rose did not fully realize that she was going to stay at Nazareth. When the reality finally dawned on her she was visibly upset. We brave women were at a loss for words and felt uneasy and awkward. Among us we talked to her individually. My time with her profound experience of prayer in my life.

We sat in Chapel and prayed quietly, just talking to God about what was happening to Mary Rose. I could see she was deep in conversation with God. I had suggested that when she felt ready we'd leave the Chapel. Minutes passed and suddenly she looked at me and said, " Let it be Done"...

Mary Rose has been at Nazareth for a year and a half. She grew to love it very early on and consistently says how lovely it is, how good the staff are, how she loves being there. Everyone loves her - of course! Enda's daily visits are a source of immense comfort and fun for both of them. Somehow, Nazareth was made for Mary Rose. Her Fiat is a genuine echo of Mary's.