

## 2016 - Lyon (FRANCE) - Renée and Cécile make promises in “the spiritual family of the Sisters of Christ”.

On 6th January 2016, we celebrated the Epiphany but also the promises which Renee and Cecile pronounced for one year in the “Spiritual Family of the Sisters of Christ”. Renee renewed her promises whereas Cecile made hers for the first time.



The celebration which took place during the 6.30 Eucharist in the little chapel of Saint Francis, situated in the basement of the block where the community lives, brought together members of their families, friends and parishioners.

**What does this commitment mean to Renée and Cécile ?** Let us leave the word to them:

- *I was touched by the spirit of the Sisters, their solidarity, welcome, and respect for the other's difference.*
- *This call to live my baptismal faith by following Christ, Source and Maker of Unity, in my condition as a lay person, grew in me progressively.*
- *I became aware that unity was a aspect of life which I was seeking in my life; unity to cultivate in situations of conflict or division which I witness or in which I play a part, searching for what might still bring unity; unity I must not lose sight of in my work as a social worker with people who are drug addicts, alcoholics, sometimes imprisoned.*
- *A unity I must cultivate in myself, by reflection on what has been experienced and by discernment of the orientations to be taken for the future.*
- *I am fully aware of my limitations but today I have entered a new stage, by committing myself: trying to make every effort, in daily life to give greater witness to Jesus Christ, Source and Maker of Unity, in my words and actions, especially in family and professional life.*



- *The renewal of a promise is an act of fidelity to a received Word of Love which gives me life each day, a breath of life that guides me in difficult moments. I give thanks that I encountered the Sisters of Christ on the same path of faith, and I am happy that Cecile is joining the “Spiritual Family of the Sisters of Christ, Union Mysterium Christi”!*

*At the end of the Eucharist, Renée and Cécile were sent on mission by Sister Marie-Christine, delegate of Sister Guérolée, Provincial of Europe.*

*This ceremony was a touching witness. It was followed by a healthy meal, let's not forget that Lyon is the world capital of gastronomy!*

*Thank you Cécile, thank you Renée, for this beautiful commitment!*



*Nicole, Cécile, Renée and Josyane*