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"THE LOVE OF CHRIST HAS GATHERED US TOGETHER AS ONE"

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Feast of Mother Saint John Fontbonne

May these excerpts from *Anything of which Woman is capable*, by Mary M. McGlone, CSJ, focus our prayer for this day of remembrance.

From the first days of her religious life, Mother Saint John had learned to adjust her plans and dreams to respond to the needs that surrounded her. She was a woman of strong will and willing obedience. In Salesian terms, she embraced the need to continually adapt herself, ceding her personal desire and following God's will as it became manifest through the signs of the times. (page 67)

Instead of conceiving a plan and making it happen, she opened herself so that the plan of God could take flesh and become history - in her and in her neighbour. (page 68)



And so we pray:

God ever creating,
may we Sisters, Associates and Companions emulate these virtues.
May our Spirit-filled dreams lift up the needs of our earth community.
May we embrace the change that these times beckon for the good of all creation.
And may we, like Christ, open ourselves that your plan take flesh among us.

We rejoice and celebrate Mother St. John's witness to passionate and unifying love.
Festive greetings to all!

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