

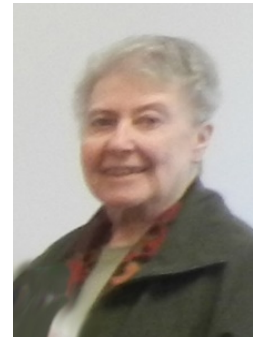
## RECENT EVENTS - ANNUAL FEDERATION BOARD MEETING



October 16 – 18, 2017 the Leadership Teams of our three Congregations, Toronto, Sault Ste Marie and CSJ's in Canada met at the Hamilton residence for the annual Board meeting.

The event began with an acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Haudensaunee and Anishnaabeg, and a moment of quiet prayer for reconciliation.

Guests at this meeting were Sr. Patty Johnson, Executive Director, and Sr. Peggy Sullivan, Co-Chair of the U. S. Federation. Patty and Peggy brought greetings from our American sisters and shared updates on what is happening in the US Federation as well as with their organizational audit. It is always enriching to have their presence at our meetings.



As part of the opening evening Festivities a reception was held to bid farewell to our long time Administrative Assistant Margaret Magee. Thank you notes, card and messages were gathered in a memory book from across the Federation membership.

The Board gratefully received reports from our Committees: Archives, Associates/Companion Leaders, Ecology, Vocation, and from our

Federation Office for Systemic Justice. The work of each of these groups is fundamental in carrying on the mission of the Federation, which is:

*United by a common story and charism we, Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada, form a Federation to empower one another in the passionate living of our charism of active and inclusive love. Urged by God's spirit, we collaborate with Sisters of St. Joseph globally and respond to the evolving reality of our world, bringing healing and hope to all creation.*



November 8 – 12 Sr. Sheila Fortune and Sr. Loretta Manzara attended the **U.S. Federation Leaders Assembly** in Latham, New York, bringing greetings and updates from our Canadian Federation. Our U.S. sisters worked diligently to respond to the suggestions of the organizational audit that intends to bring a greater inclusivity and richness to their mission. They began their gathering at Capitol Park for a “Circle the City with Love” prayer. This movement began in 2016 from an idea by Sister Rita Petruziello, who thought about the simple witness of a group of people holding hands and praying silently together. Sister Rita and the initial group hoped that such an event might send the message that the power of love and prayer can bring peace and justice to our world.