

My dear Sisters,

Today, a **Year of Grace** begins for us.
opens with the Feast of the

This day is the crowning of the Life. All of our gratitude to very hard for this renewal. Let *charism is something alive, requires that we take into the Spirit over the years. And, Throughout this delicate work of concern to faithfully keep the intention of Mother Rivier and our*



It is good that the Year of the Rule of Life
Presentation of Mary in the Temple.

long process of revision of our Rule of Mother Angèle Dion who worked so us hear her say to us once again: *A always in movement. Creative fidelity account the new elements inspired by quoting Mother Ste-Jeanne d'Arc: revision, we were haunted by the thought, sentiment and profound predecessors.*

Our gratitude also goes out to all the sisters who supported this work with their prayer, their dedication, their reflection, and their translations.

The Year of the Rule of Life is:

- a call to rediscover, reflect on, interiorize the Rule of Life
- an encouragement to consecrate more time to reading our Rule of Life
- the opportunity for renewal, personally and as a community
- an invitation to become ever more fully an *"open Gospel"*

With Mary, let us move into the deep with joy and hope!

Every time we read the Rule of Life and decide to live or to act in consequence, we are taking a step forward on our journey to holiness. May Mary in the Temple accompany each of her daughters so that this very special year might help us meet Jesus and live more fully rooted in Him.

One of the objectives of the revision was that our Rule of Life, *by its Gospel radicality, remain a law that calls us forth, that gives to the generations of today and to those yet to come, the desire to study, deepen and live it.* May Mary, Mother and Guardian of our religious family, help us to live our consecration in a way that is ever more fully authentic and faithful.

Happy Feast Day!
Holy Year of the Rule of Life!

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