

Impressions of the 180th anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation

We were full of expectations, looking forward to celebrating this feast together with our nine Sisters who live in Holland. For this festive event we prepared throughout the year through several days of reflection/prayer.



When we arrived in Blercik, a beautifully prepared table was already waiting for us. We were surprised by the coffee and special chocolates.

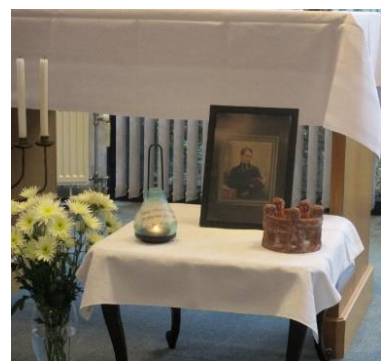
So that everyone could find their right place, all they had to do was follow the direction indicated by Sister Marita.



The congratulations and letters from other continents were read by Sister Cornelia, insofar as languages made this possible. Knowing that we are united and in communion across borders is a beautiful sensation.



Strengthened by the delicious coffee and other delicious things, we arrived at the chapel. Sister Cornelia had organized a beautiful Celebration, with Communion, in which each one felt included.



On a day like this, a souvenir photo couldn't be missing! A photo like this is part of the ritual. The entrance hall was the best place for this. The photographers were ready: "And now it was just a case of smiling and showing your best side." In our thoughts was also Sister Graciëla, from Aruba.



Bottles of wine for a celebratory toast were ready. The champagne bottle was opened very carefully, to save the ceiling and the atmosphere of this precious drink. The atmosphere became very lively.



The surprise menu, served by a catering company, left nothing to be desired. The first course was a "bird cocktail".



With the soup, "being a child" came to the fore again. The tiny meatballs were counted one by one. The difference was between 4 and 9 units. - Don't be sad, there's more to come! – A play with fire was something special and added a festive touch to the pie-shaped ice cream.



After a break and a short siesta, we recalled our celebration of the 150th anniversary of our founding in 1992. On that occasion, we had performed a “musical”. The recordings made on that date served for good entertainment. Many memories surfaced and made us relive the joy of that day. It did everyone good to see the vivacity of that time again.



At the end, after an hour of watching, laughing and appreciating, a piece of cake and coffee awaited us.

After such a rewarding day, everyone returned home satiated and satisfied. They all enjoyed the precious time we spent together so much.