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Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur — Making Known God's Goodness

SNDdeN NGO OFFICE JUBILEE:
25 YEARS OF ADVOCACY AT THE UN

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur officially became an accredited non-governmental organization at the United Nations in 2001. Next year will mark the Silver Jubilee of the congregation having a presence at the UN as a privileged concrete way of living our educational and liberating mission, in the spirit of Saint Julie Billiart, by uniting faith and justice, contemplation and action. Through the NGO Office, we represent those we serve around the globe by giving voice to the voiceless and defending the fundamental rights of those who are too often forgotten in major international decisions.

We remember with gratitude all the sisters, co-workers, and lay partners who have contributed to our honoring this international commitment. Their courage, competence, and perseverance have made the Goodness of God shine even in diplomatic arenas.

In this Jubilee year, I invite you to live three fundamental attitudes:

Let us remember with gratitude our privilege of having a voice at the UN and be grateful for the path we have traveled and the opportunities to sow the seeds of peace, justice, and hope through this mission.

Let us boldly look ahead to respond to the urgent calls of our time: the climate crisis, armed conflicts, structural inequalities, human trafficking, equitable access to education for girls, and so many others.

See this year as a time of missionary renewal, rootedness in prayer, focused on education for justice, and standing in solidarity with the poorest. Wherever we are, in schools, hospitals, neighborhoods, rural areas, or digital spaces. We are all called to participate in this redemptive and transformative mission to the world and all of creation.

Open to the future, in the joyful light of Saint Julie, we live in hope out of her profound conviction, "Ah, Qu'il est bon le Bon Dieu!" "Oh, how good is the Good God!"

May this Jubilee Year be for all of us and those we serve a source of vitality, communion, and renewed commitment.