

# Ash Wednesday 2015

## **PROVIDENTIAL “ambassadors for Christ”**

Just recently in Edmonton one of our very old, but actively live theatres, the ROXY, burned to the ground, to rubble and ashes. The people of the Edmonton theatre company and many others have become “ambassadors” for renewing and rebuilding this landmark in a very uniquely historical area of our city.

As we begin our Lenten journey with ashes, I am reminded of how I am being called to be a public ambassador for our Christianity. Wearing the ashes is one way to begin, but then I have to reflect more seriously on how I am going to bring to life the message of God’s self-sacrificial love for each one of us. What service of loving Providence am I witnessing to the immigrant women with whom I teach ESL? These immigrant women have sacrificed much in their lives and for their families to find hope in a new country.

As a Sister of Providence how am I being called to witness Hope in our Provident God? In this Year of Consecrated Life, how am I being called to gratefully reflect what a gift this life has been? Where and in what ways am I being called to live our present reality with the passion and joy of the gospel? The Lenten journey reminds each one of us to trust in our Provident God and to become “ambassadors of Hope for the future”, for “now is the acceptable time”.

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