



October 24, 2018

Padre Nilo Mitchell
Parroquia San Rafael
Waspam, Río Coco
R.A.A.N., Nicaragua

Dear Padre Nilo,

May the blessings of God be with you and all your parishioners today. The day is special as the Sisters of St. Agnes are giving thanks for the gift of 73 years of service in the parish of San Rafael, Colegio Santa Inés, and Clínica Santa Inés. The years of service by the sisters included their work along the Río Coco as well as in settlements in the area.

All the sisters in the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes join in prayer with you today as we celebrate our wonderful partnership with the priests, deacons, teachers, doctors, nurses and the many people who have made these 73 years so fruitful for the work of the Gospel. The sisters are blessed by all students who have attended Colegio Santa Inés over the years. Our sisters have worked with generations of young girls and boys who have gone forth to share the gift of their learnings with others. Individuals who have come to the clinic for healing are able to go forth and continue their lives knowing that they have received care in a safe environment. Religious education and health classes have been provided by the sisters alongside many others who have learned the teachings of Jesus and the Church over the years.

Now it is time for the Missionaries of Charity of Mary Immaculate to continue the works of the Gospel in areas of education, healthcare and parish outreach. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this area of Nicaragua, in the Atlantic region and along the Río Coco.

Our congregation has been blessed by our work among the people of this region. We ask your prayers and promise you our prayers as we give thanks for all that has been and beg our God for blessings on all that is yet to be.

With every good wish for God's gracious blessings, I remain united with you

In the peace and love of Christ,

Sister Jean Steffes, CSA
General Superior