

Creative Use of Sturdy Roots

Drinking from the Wellsprings of Charism

Jody Landry, co-director of the Associates from Dallas used Sturdy Roots I as a Day of Prayer for Associates meeting in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Chatawa. She and co-director, Barbara Kraus, SSND, used the Sturdy Roots picnic basket, available from each SSND Unit, with a lovely handmade tablecloth and napkins, etc. to help them tell the SSND story.

They prepared three topics from the Sturdy Roots I CD: 1) *SSND Family Tree*, 2) *Seeds of Hope*, and 3) *Woman of the Word*.

Two Associates led a discussion in which participants filled out blank family tree sheets. This provided a way to invite feedback from those who had been mentors to participants. Discussion and reflection related participants' family trees and those who mentored them using the *SSND Family Tree*.

Jean Marie Smith, SSND who presented *Seeds of Hope* had framed the pictures of the newer members presented in Sturdy Roots I. The group passed the pictures around and prayed for each one. Each person also shared how she had been a mentor to someone else.

Two other Associates presented a skit about Mother Theresa as *Woman of the Word*. They discussed how the letters of Mother Theresa were found in the Vatican vault and translated. In preparation for the skit, they listened to the audio portion narrated by Sister Henriette, SSND, found on the Sturdy Roots I CD. The presenters shared the story about Sister Henriette's experience along with Mother Georgianne Segner and others. They were amazed at how the translation of Mother Theresa's letters actually happened. The original copies had been destroyed in the bombing of the Munich motherhouse in 1944. After reading some of the letters they were able to perceive Mother Theresa's remarkable knowledge and love of the Word of God.

Jean Marie Smith, SSND gave the same presentation in Dallas and Barbara Paleczny, SSND, used the presentation in San Antonio. Marie Elena Ferrer-Lopex, SSND presented this program in Arizona. A script is available by contacting Jody Landry at jodylandry2@cox.net