

Join the celebration of life



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Fall in love with living
wrestling with the chaos and the pain
within yourself and within the world.
Join the celebration of life,
dancing with the angels and the clowns.
And may the God of peace and joy,
who is continually making all things new,
embrace you
as a partner
in the divine creating.

Let us pray

We pray with the Church and the World

General Intention of the Holy Father: *Migrant Families.* That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

Missionary Intention: *Peace.* That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

February 6th is the **UN International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation** (FGM). There are many working in this field and we especially pray for Sr Ephigenia and her co-workers in Eastern Africa, and their ministry among young girls and their families.

World Day of Social Justice is highlighted on **February 20th** each year – a reminder that in all our ministries we are called to promote gender equality and the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

We pray with the Institute

This month we begin the reflection process for the **General Congregation** to be held in Loyola Spain in 2014. There will be an opportunity for personal and community reflection and we pray for each other as we enter into the privilege of this 'paschal event'.

On February 14th our **Tertians** will begin their International experience in Llandudno. We pray for blessings on those who will lead and those who will present sessions and especially for the Tertians themselves: Sushila Kerketta and Sabrina Edwards (Darjeeling), Mary Gitau and Lucy Wambui (Eastern Africa), Kate Myers (England), Maloti Thakur (India), Louise O'Sullivan (Ireland), Linda Charles (Mauritius) and Pat Hanvey (South Africa).

In March they will make a pilgrimage to Mary Ward's York, London, St Omer, Liege and Munich/Augsburg/Altotting.

One Small Voice

I love the word WONDER: to wonder at the beauty of creation. I live in the Andes. Their immensity is awesome; the flowers, the orchids, the humming birds that visit our garden. The wonder of being able to distribute Holy Communion to the elderly and the bedridden poor, their faith is also awesome and at Mass to be able to exchange a smile with a child or others while receiving this great gift.

And I must mention the wonder I experience of blowing on a new born baby's body to stimulate breathing – truly awesome... to look on new life.

Happy a thing it is to love God, and serve Him and seek Him. Mary Ward

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