

We pray with the Church and the world

General Intention: Vocations: That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.

Missionary Intention: Christ, Hope for Africans: That the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African continent.

April 22nd is Mother Earth Day in the calendar of the UN. It is an acknowledgement that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its inhabitants with life and sustenance. It invites us to recognize a collective responsibility to promote harmony with nature and the Earth, to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity.

We pray with the Institute

Easter blessings to all

The Resurrection: the central doctrine of our faith is the promise of life even in the midst of death. It gives hope and points towards a better future, requiring us to be ready without knowing how or when this might occur. Barbara Bozak Living with Christ.

O God, lead us to the sacred ground of Easter morning
where we can be alone and calm our noisy heart.
Draw us to this place so that your silence can fill our being.
Allow us to remain open to your revelation.
Remind us that all your earth is holy ground.

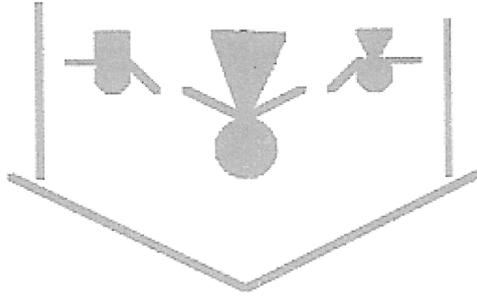
The Extended Leadership Meeting will be held in the Mary Ward Centre Nairobi between 16th and 27th this month. Pray for the reflections and discussions over these days and the facilitator Sr Catherine Ryan.

One Small Voice

The *House of Hope* is housed in a former Catholic elementary school. It functions as a shelter and recovery home for women healing from substance abuse. The ministry is unique in that it provides a dormitory style living situation for the women and their children. In addition, the residents are provided with food, clothing, and the basic needs of life. The mission is to help bring healing and wholeness to the women, as well as their children by providing a safe, secure and nurturing living environment. It is a diverse and inclusive community committed to exhibiting the values of service, recovery and Christianity.

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We pray for the work at the *House of Hope* in Chicago and for all who receive care and love in this safe environment.

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