

## We pray with the Church

### May

#### Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

*Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
Protectress of Africa,  
You have given the world  
the true Light,  
Jesus Christ.  
Through your obedience  
to the Father and the  
grace of the Holy Spirit  
You have given us the  
source of our  
reconciliation and our joy.*



*Mother of Tenderness and Wisdom,  
Show us Jesus, Son of God and your Son.  
Guide our path of conversion,  
so that Jesus will let his Glory shine in and on us,  
in all the places of our personal, family and social  
life. Our Lady of Africa, pray for Christians in Africa!*

### June

#### National Leaders

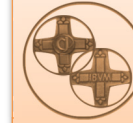
That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade which victimizes so many innocent people.

## We pray for our deceased members

24/02/2017 Božena Pechoušková CJ, Slovakia  
26/02/2017 Cecilia Goodman CJ, England  
28/02/2017 Ursula Schwencke CJ, MEP  
03/03/2017 Goretti Öllerer CJ, MEP  
12/03/2017 Teresita Ryan IBVM, Arizona  
24/03/2017 Hildegard Olsen CJ, Argentina  
27/03/2017 Jude Hales IBVM, India  
25/03/2017 Eligia Manhart CJ, MEP  
10/04/2017 Teresa MacPaul IBVM, Ireland  
12/04/2017 Carlotta Willick IBVM, Canada  
15/04/2017 Mary Roarty IBVM, Australia



In thanks and loving memory for all those who have died especially those who have died unloved and not remembered.



## House of Prayer May - June 2017

“Tens of millions of children are forced to work in degrading conditions, exposed to forms of slavery and exploitation, as well as abuse, maltreatment and discrimination.



I strongly hope that the international community can extend its social protection over minors in order to weaken this scourge of child exploitation. Let us renew our commitment, especially families, in order to ensure every boy and girl the safeguarding of his or her dignity and the opportunity for healthy development. A serene childhood allows children to look out with trust at life and the future.”

(Pope Francis, 11 June 2014)

## *We pray with Mary Ward's family*

**22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Nguyen Thuy Tram IBVM who made her first profession in Vietnam.

**6<sup>th</sup> May:** Five candidates beginning their vocational journey with the CJs in Zimbabwe.

**15<sup>th</sup> May:** Joint Meeting of CJ and IBVM General Leadership Teams.

**17<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May:** IBVM Visitation in Canadian Province.

**20<sup>th</sup> May:** The community in Singla (CJ Patna Province) celebrates its Silver Jubilee.

**25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Annual Evaluation Meeting of CJ General Leadership Team.

**27<sup>th</sup> May:** First profession of Greater Mpofu CJ and Gamuchirai Waduka CJ, Zimbabwe.

**25<sup>th</sup> June:** Celebration of 300 years of CJ school in Bamberg.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June:** CJ Generalate Visitation of the English Province.

**25<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** IBVM/CJ Education Conference in South Africa

For a new director of the St Bede's Pastoral Centre in York to replace Cecilia Goodman CJ RIP, who died suddenly in February.

For the CJ sisters from Zimbabwe and Korea who will renew their vows in June.

For our sisters celebrating their Jubilee during these months.

## *We pray with the World*

### **15<sup>th</sup> May: International Day of Families.**

An occasion to promote awareness and better understanding of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting this important unit of society.

### **21<sup>st</sup> May: World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development**

That we may be open to dialogue and facilitate development and acceptance of people of all cultures.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> May: World day for Biological diversity**

That we may grow in awareness of issues related to biodiversity and its effect in our world.

### **5<sup>th</sup> June: World Environment Day**

That we may motivate people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote the fundamental role of communities in changing attitudes towards environmental issues, and to promote cooperation for environment sustainability.

### **12<sup>th</sup> June: World Day against Child Labour**

That we may raise public awareness of the need for concerted global action to end the exploitation of child labour everywhere.

### **19<sup>th</sup> June: International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict**

That we may raise awareness of the need to end conflict-related sexual violence and stand in solidarity with the victims of such violence.

### **20<sup>th</sup> June: World Refugee Day**

That we may intensify efforts to prevent and resolve conflicts and contribute to peace and security so that families can be together again and refugees can return to their homes.



### **26<sup>th</sup> June: International day against drug abuse and trafficking**

That we may strengthen our action and network with others to stop drug abuse and illicit trafficking.