

We Pray with the Church

MAY

Evangelization: The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

JUNE

Universal:

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.

EVERYONE NEEDS PEACE

'Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart. Many people live in constant hurry. In this way all that they have inside them tends to be overwhelmed. This also affects how we treat the environment. Its necessary to grant oneself more time to recover a serene harmony with the world, with creation, and also with the Creator. Let us try, in contemplation and prayer, to achieve ever greater familiarity with God. And gradually we will discover that the heavenly Father wants what is good for us. He wants to see us happy, full of joy and serene. It is this familiarity with God that also inspires our mercy. Just as the father loves, so does his children. As He is merciful, we too are called upon to be merciful towards each other. Let us allow ourselves to be touched by God's mercy, also through a good confession, to become increasingly merciful like the Father.'

(Pope Francis)

We pray for our deceased members

- 27/02/2018 Eleonore Hintermeier CJ, MEP
- 03/03/2018 Veronika Feczko CJ, MEP
- 08/03/2018 Benedicta Fahlman IBVM, Canada
- 10/03/2018 Reinhilde Miller CJ, MEP
- 15/03/2018 Josefina Bentele CJ, MEP
- 30/03/2018 Werburga Späth CJ, MEP
- 01/04/2018 Clemens Vypana CJ, Nepal
- 10/04/2018 Cecilia Higgins IBVM, Ireland
- 18/04/2018 Eucharika O'Connor IBVM, Ireland



Mary's Hope

*"Hope is what Mary, Mother of God,
sheltered in her heart during the darkest time of her life:*

Friday afternoon until Sunday morning.

That is hope: She had it.

And that hope has renewed everything."

May God grant us that grace.

(Pope Francis)



House of Prayer May – June 2018



Pope Francis, whose devotion to Mary is well-known, on Saturday the 7th April, established a new feast for the Catholic Church devoted to Mary as the "Mother of the Church," to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. With the new decree, devotion to Mary as Mother of the Church now becomes an approved feast for the universal Church. "Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year," the document said. "This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God," it said.

We pray with the Mary Ward Family

Appointments, Celebrations & Visitations

May

1st May: Sr. Jessy Pulianthuruthel CJ appointed as Regional Superior of Nepal.

16th – 25th May: Gathering of the CJ\IBVM young finally professed members from Latin America in Lima
We continue to remember the IBVM extended leadership as they continue with their meeting in Rome

31st May: Opening of the new house in Lusaka IBVM

May/June: IBVM canonical visitation to South Africa and Zambia

June

1st June: We rejoice with our IBVM sisters in South Africa as they celebrate 140 years of the 1st Mary Ward school in Africa, i.e. Loreto Skinner Street which is now called Nana Sita Street.

11th – 15th June: We remember the IBVM members who are meeting in Rome to plan for the forthcoming Circle of Life meetings.

30th June: We rejoice with our sisters, V. Jency, T. Jeba and Binista Kerketta as they take their final vows in Kolkata.

“Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your saving power among all peoples. Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy. Guide the leaders of all nations, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth.”



We pray with the World

MAY 15th: International Day of Families

That awareness and better understanding of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting this important unit of society may be promoted.

MAY 17th: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

MAY 21st: World Day for Cultural Diversity

May cultural diversity be valued.

MAY 23rd: International day to end Obstetric Fistula

May the International Community use this day to significantly raise awareness and intensify actions towards ending Obstetric Fistula that affects millions of women mainly in the developing world.

MAY 29th: International Day of UN peacekeepers

We pray in honor of the memory of peacekeepers from the United Nations who have lost their lives in the cause of peace; and honoring the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the UN peacekeeping operations and for their high degree of professionalism and courage.

JUNE 1st: Global Day of Parents

JUNE 4th: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

That the pain suffered by children around the world who are victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse may be acknowledged.

JUNE 5th: World Environmental Day

May people be motivated to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote the fundamental role of communities in changing attitudes towards environment issues, and to promote cooperation for environmentally sustainable.

JUNE 12th: World Day against Child Labor

To raise public awareness on the need for concerted global action to end the exploitation of Child Labor. According to ILO statistics, its estimated that in 2013 alone, 2 million children were subjected to child domestic labor. On this day, the ILO encourages governments to undertake legislative reforms and the implementation of policies that guarantee the elimination of Child Labor.

JUNE 13th: International Albinism Awareness Day.

That awareness of human rights of persons with albinism may be raised.

JUNE 19th: International Day for the elimination of Sexual Violence in conflict.

To raise the awareness of the need to end conflict-related Sexual Violence and urge the International Community to stand in solidarity with the survivors of sexual violence around the world.

JUNE 20th: World Refugee Day.

JUNE 23rd: International Widows Day

JUNE 26th: International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking