

We pray with the Church and the world

General Intention of the Holy Father: for the New Evangelization: that the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

Missionary Intention: World Mission Day: that the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

The Year of Faith which begins on October 11th 2012 and concludes on November 24th 2013 is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world. (*Porta Fidei 6*) So the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The door of faith is opened during one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

The 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council is being celebrated in various ways around the world. Its teachings are still being interpreted and in the words of John Paul II: *For a long time to come it will be granted to new generations to draw on the riches this council of the twentieth century has blessed us with.* Let us pray for these new generations in our own time and their desire for understanding the ways of God and the signs of the times.

We pray with the Institute

During this month you will be invited to take part in the Reflection process on the Constitutions 'Governance for Mission' which we take to be *Leadership at the service of the Kingdom*. Each of us has a part to play in this leadership – pray that each of us might.

The international IBVM Formation meeting continues this month in Nairobi so continue to pray for all involved that the Spirit will guide and inspire their discussion and decisions.

As this Year of Faith begins we recall the words of our own *Institutum*: 'She is a member of a Society founded chiefly for the defence and propagation of the faith and for the progress of souls in Christian life and doctrine'. Pray also with the words of Constitution 1.9.

Consultation in Canada takes place at the end of this month so pray for the members there as we discern with them the next province leadership.

One Small Voice

The church has to grow – in its understanding of itself, of human beings and our relationship to one another and to the world - through study, prayer and dialogue in its understanding of God.

This is where faith comes in: it is also a pilgrim church, travelling history's sometimes dark and curving paths, seeking to be faithful to its mission, to its Scriptures, aware of the tradition, all the while trusting in the Spirit's continued presence.

As for the church – so for each one of us!



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Let us pray
Blessed are you, God of all peoples.
Blessed are you for the wonderful differences
of colour and culture, of creed and cult
that make up the human race.
I give thanks that I have come to know you
in Jesus, your child, and my Saviour.
May I give witness by the example of my life
to the splendour of his truth,
to the joy of his resurrection,
to his Spirit of love.
May my witness bring others
to Jesus and to you.
Amen.