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.

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)

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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 Mystery of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God,” it said.

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)
## Appointments, Celebrations & Visitations

**May**
- **1st May**: Sr. Jessy Plianturuthel 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 IBVM Lusaka.
- **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 Mary Ward Family

### 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.
- **17th**: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
- **21st**: World Day for Cultural Diversity
  May cultural diversity be valued.
- **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.
- **29th**: International Day of UN peacekeepers
  We pray in honour of the memory of peacekeepers from the United Nations who have lost their lives in the cause of peace; and honouring 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
- **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.
- **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 sustainability.
- **12th**: World Day against Child Labour
  To raise public awareness on the need for concerted global action to end the exploitation of Child Labour. According to ILO statistics, it is estimated that in 2013 alone, 2 million children were subjected to child domestic labour. On this day, the ILO encourages governments to undertake legislative reforms and the implementation of policies that guarantee the elimination of Child Labor.
- **13th**: International Albinism Awareness Day
  That awareness of human rights of persons with albinism may be raised.
- **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.
- **20th**: World Refugee Day
- **23rd**: International Widows Day
- **26th**: International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking