Dear Members of the House of Prayer,

As we begin another year, we at the Generalate thank you very specially for assisting us with your life of Prayer. The following Scripture passage expresses also our sentiments for each one of you, our partners in mission:

“I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have towards the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ Jesus. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”

(Philemon, 3: 9, 25)

2011 marks the 400th Jubilee of Mary Ward’s great vision, “Take the same…” of the Society [of Jesus].

In 2011 let us journey with Mary Ward more intensely, as we prepare for our General Congregation, praying for all the members of the Congregatio Jesu, “Called to bring Hope” to the world.

Special Days:
3rd January: Holy Name of Jesus
23rd -30th January: Mary Ward Week

We pray for the Church and the world:

for the intentions of the Holy Father
for peace and justice in the world

We pray for and with the Congregatio Jesu:
- for the intentions of our Mother General
- for Mary Ward’s spirit of single-mindedness and magnanimity in mission:
- for vocations to priesthood and religious life
- for all the delegates to the General Congregation
- that the process of Mary Ward’s beatification may proceed favourably
- for our sisters making their First and Final Vows in January/February: Brazil, Chile, Korea, Allahabad, Bangalore, Delhi, Patna
- for Sr Soledad as she takes up her new mission as Provincial Superior of Argentina in early January
- as we move towards the General Congregation, let us pray specially for the Provinces of:
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Prayer

May the loving Trinity bless us:
The Father who in his love and mercy called us into the service of His Son,
The Son, Jesus Christ, who received us as companions in His work of salvation,
The Holy Spirit, who guides and strengthens us with His gifts in our service of the Church as women filled with the spirit and Charism of Mary Ward. Amen.

“JESUS SAY AMEN”

For the deceased members of the House of Prayer

12.11.2010 M. Bernardina Chini CJ Merate