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House of Prayer would like to invite you to reflect on the three virtues of the Just Soul this year. The second theme of our reflection is the virtue of justice.

When applied to persons, justice, in our biblical language, is the state of a person who is just before God, a state which enables one to order one’s life aright. It is this state of righteousness, as a gratuitous gift, which Mary Ward has in mind when she talks about original justice; she compares it with the basic disposition which she and her companions are striving for. She yearns to attain to that state of primeval equity which was a person’s original state in paradise and was in complete harmony with a person’s nature. In Mary Ward’s third Speech we read: "It will be best for you ever to think that God does rule and govern the just and that omniaoperantur in bonum. All things are wrought for our good." (from Letters of Instruction)

“...faith and justice cannot be simply one ministry among others; they are integral to all ministries and to our lives together as individuals, communities and a worldwide brotherhood.” (from Decree 3.4 of SJ General Congregation 35)

“Our mission is not limited to our works. Our personal and community relationship with the Lord, our relationship to one another as friends in the Lord, our solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and a lifestyle responsible to creation are all important aspects of our lives as Jesuits [CJ](from Decree 3.41 of GC 35)

There is much to challenge me – and perhaps you – in that list of “right relationships”. These are the “right relationships of” the Just Soul also – with God because of our freedom “to refer all” to him, with others because we should be “just persons” engaged in “works of justice...done in innocency”, and with ourselves because we “should be such as we appear and appear such as we are”. (from Sr Jane’s letter to CJ 21, July 31 2014)

We pray for our deceased members
10/04/2015 Patokós Erzsébet Hungary
10/05/2015 Pilz Justine MEP
19/05/2015 Straβer Rosina MEP
14/06/2015 Kahler Margita MEP

The 400th Anniversary of "The Just Soul"

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House of Prayer
July ~ September 2015
We pray for the Church:

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer

**July**
- **Politics.** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.
- **The poor in Latin America.** That amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

**August**
- **Volunteers.** That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.
- **Outreach to the marginalized.** That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

**September**
- **Opportunities for the young.** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
- **Catechists.** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

We pray for consecrated life with Pope Francis:

Through the evangelical counsel of poverty you are able to recognize God’s mercy not only as a source of strength, but also as a treasure. Even when we are weary, we can offer Him our hearts burdened by sin and weakness; at those times when we feel most helpless, we can reach out to Christ, “who made himself poor in order that we might become rich” (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). This fundamental need of ours to be forgiven and healed is itself a form of poverty which we must never lose sight of, no matter how many advances we make in virtue. It should also find concrete expression in your lifestyle, both as individuals and as communities. I think in particular of the need to avoid all those things which can distract you and cause bewilderment and scandal to others.

In the consecrated life, poverty is both a “wall” and a “mother”. It is a “wall” because it protects the consecrated life, a “mother” because it helps it to grow and guides it along the right path. The hypocrisy of those consecrated men and women who profess vows of poverty, yet live like the rich, wounds the souls of the faithful and harms the Church. Think, too, of how dangerous a temptation it is to adopt a purely functional, worldly mentality which leads to placing our hope in human means alone and destroys the witness of poverty which our Lord Jesus Christ lived and taught us.

(Pope Francis’ address during the meeting with approximately 5,000 male and female religious on his visit to Korea in 2014)

We pray for and with the Congregatio Jesu:

- **Natural Disaster Relief and Restoration in Nepal**
  - General Assistant Sr Prisca and Sr Cecilia’s visit to Nepal June 25 - July 5
- **Provincial/Regional Superiors Congregation**
  - September 27 – October 11 in Rome
- **Regional Conference**
  - European September 25 - 26 in Rome
  - Latin America September 25 - 26 in Peru
- **Provincial Congregation/Gathering**
  - July 27 – 31 in Korea / August 21 -23 in Slovakia
- **IBVM – CJ Joint Mary Ward Resources Workshop**
  - July 11 – August 1 in London
- **Jubilees**

**July**
- **Silver** 10 sisters in Slovakia
- **Diamond** Sr Maria Devota Ollig MEP

**August**
- **Silver** Sr Františka Sedláková in Slovakia
- **Sr Anna Nobilis** in Hungary
- **Golden** 11 sisters in MEP
- **Diamond** 11 sisters in MEP

**September**
- **Silver** Sr Regina Werner in MEP
- **Golden** Srs Teresa Balossi, Piera Losa in Italy
- **Srs Rodriguez Peregrina Yuste, Estella Virginia Logroño** in Spain
- **Srs Costanza Pongan, Lidia Lago** in Italy
- **Sr Garcia Inés Gómez** in Spain

- **Professions**
  - **Final with 4th Vow**
    - Sr Alžbeta Beláková July 25 in Slovakia
    - Sr Magdalena Winghofer September 19 in MEP
  - **Renewal** Sr Marina Sharma July 29 in Nepal
  - **Sr Diana Popovič** July 30 in Slovakia
  - **First** Sr Elisabeth Schwerdt July 25 in MEP