“blessed because she believed” (Lk 1,45)

By faith, Mary accepted the Angel’s word and believed the message that she was to become the Mother of God in the obedience of her devotion. Visiting Elizabeth, she raised her hymn of praise to the Most High for the marvels he worked in those who trust him. With joy and trepidation she gave birth to her only son, keeping her virginity intact. Trusting in Joseph, her husband, she took Jesus to Egypt to save him from Herod’s persecution. With the same faith, she followed the Lord in his preaching and remained with him all the way to Golgotha. By faith, Mary tasted the fruits of Jesus’ resurrection, and treasuring every memory in her heart, she passed them on to the Twelve assembled with her in the Upper Room to receive the Holy Spirit.

By faith, across the centuries, men and women of all ages, whose names are written in the Book of Life (cf. Rev 7:9, 13:8), have confessed the beauty of following the Lord Jesus wherever they were called to bear witness to the fact that they were Christian: in the family, in the workplace, in public life, in the exercise of the charisms and ministries to which they were called.

By faith, we too live: by the living recognition of the Lord Jesus, present in our lives and in our history. (an excerpt from Apostolic Letter “Porta Fidei”)

The Year of Faith will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013.

We pray for our deceased members

19/07/2013 Gottfrieda Grimm  Eichstätt
20/07/2013 Leokadia Hornung  München-Pasing
27/07/2013 Teonilla Eckert  Santiago
29/07/2013 Magdolna Czigány  Budapest
05/08/2013 Savina Corneo  Merate
27/08/2013 Renata Rohleder  Aschaffenburg
21/09/2013 Elizabeth Landgraf  São Paulo

The Bar Convent Living Heritage Project

The English Province officially launches the Living Heritage Project on 2 October in order to secure the Bar Convent’s future. The living Heritage Project is a £2 million capital scheme which contains transforming of public areas and displays within this historic building to become more accessible and meet visitors’ needs and expectations. This project will help the English province to contribute not only to the congregation but also to society in the 21st century by offering the Bar Convent as a place of spirituality, education, hospitality and inspiration for people of all faiths and none. All CJ members who know the significance of the Bar Convent in the history of the congregation are invited to make any kinds of contribution for the project.

Find out more at www.livingheritageproject.org.uk
We pray for the Church:

October

- For People in Despair. May those who feel so crushed by life that they wish to end it sense the nearness of God's love.
- For World Mission Day. May the celebration of World Mission Day help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word.

November

- For Suffering Priests. May priests who experience difficulties find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.
- For Latin American Churches. May Latin American Churches, as fruit of the continental mission, send missionaries to the Churches in other parts of the world.

December

- For Victimized Children. May children who are victims of abandonment or violence find the love and protection they need.
- To Prepare the Savior's Coming. May Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, prepare humanity for the Savior's coming.

We pray for the world:

- “There are many causes that I am prepared to die for but no causes that I am prepared to kill for.” Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi, who led India to independence, has been the inspiration for non-violent movements for civil rights and social change across the world. Throughout his life, Gandhi remained committed to his belief in non-violence. The theory behind his actions was that "just means lead to just ends"; that is, it is irrational to try to use violence to achieve a peaceful society.

As we look around the world, tolerance is being tested. Violence is taking a heavy toll and we saw it in Egypt, Syria and most recently in Nairobi Kenya. The economic crisis is fuelling xenophobia and other forms of dangerous discrimination. Terrorism, human trafficking, rights abuses and violence against women threaten millions of people.

Perhaps it may be easier to pick up a weapon than to lay down a grudge. But we are deeply moved and encouraged by communities and people in every corner of the world who have been inspired by Gandhi’s example and made a real difference.

Let us take strength from all of these models and work together to build a world of nonviolence and lasting peace.

We pray for and with The Congregation Jesu:

- General Superior’s Visitation
  4 October ~ 6 November
  Bangalore and Nepal with Sr Prisca
- Provincial or Regional Assembly
  Dehli in October and November
  Korea in October (40th provincial anniversary)
  Patna in November
- Tertians in Experiment
  10 Indian sisters and 5 Korean sisters making joint experiment in India from 25 September to 2 November
- Beginning of Novitiate
  2 sisters (Zimbabwe) on 7 December
- Jubilees
  70th 2 celebrants (Hungary) on 31 October
  50th 1 celebrant (MEP) on 8 December
  25th 7 celebrants (Romania) on 21 November
  2 celebrants (Zimbabwe) on 8 December
- The countries where political stability and peaceful election is being threatened and our members who are on the mission in such countries
- Our schools, especially those in the process of “handing over” and our members engaged in School ministry
- The Bar Convent Living Heritage Project launching on 2 October