

We pray with the World

JANUARY

Promotion of World Peace:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust: that we support educational programmes to instill the memory of the tragedy in future generations to prevent genocide from occurring again.

FEBRUARY

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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World Interfaith Harmony Week: that we may have mutual understanding and engage in interreligious dialogue for a culture of peace and establish World Interfaith Harmony Week as a way to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith.

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International Day of zero tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation: that we may enhance awareness-raising campaigns and take concrete actions against female genital mutilations. We pray for all working tirelessly for the good of this cause.

We pray for our deceased members

25/10/2019 Mary Nixon IBVM, Canada
26/10/2019 Auxilia Etscheid CJ, MEP
29/10/2019 Elvira Crepaz CJ, Italy/MEP
09/11/2019 Monika Hirner CJ, MEP
12/11/2019 Maria Imelda Testa CJ, Italy
23/11/2019 Stephana Vogel CJ, Zimbabwe
04/12/2019 Ilona Tóth CJ, Hungary/MEP
16/12/2019 Irmgard Schmidt, Austria/MEP

In thanks and loving memory
for all those who have died recently,
and especially those who have died
unloved and not remembered.

May they rest in peace



House of Prayer January-February 2020



The sculpture "Angels Unawares" is a life-size sculpture in bronze and clay, that depicts a group of migrants and refugees from different cultural and racial backgrounds and from diverse historic periods in time.

Canadian Artist Timothy Schmalz.

Inspiration from Letter to the Hebrews: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares". (Heb 13:2)

We pray with the Mary Ward Family

“...the Lord also invites us to think about the injustices that cause exclusion – and in particular the privileges of the few, who, in order to preserve their status, act to the detriment of the many. Today’s world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel towards the excluded: this is a painful truth. Developing countries continue to be drained of their best natural and human resources for the benefit of a few privileged markets. Wars only affect some regions of the world, yet weapons of war are produced and sold in other regions which are then unwilling to take in the refugees generated by these conflicts. Those who pay the price are always the little ones, the poor, the most vulnerable, who are prevented from sitting at the table and are left with the ‘crumbs’ of the banquet.”

(Extract from the homily of Pope Francis on 29 September 2019 on the occasion of World Day for Migrants and refugees)



1 Jan: Sr. Cosima Kiesner CJ starts her mission as the new Province leader of the MEP

1 Jan: New IBVM Leadership Team begins in Peru

3 Jan: Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (Official feast of the CJs)

7-10 Jan: 1st meeting of the GC 2020 Planning Group

Until 23 Jan: Continuation of prayer, reflection, sharing in communities and sending of responses to the union consultation process

20 Jan: We pray for Sisters Angela Song and Sr Anna Jeong (Korea) who make Final Vows and the Fourth Vow and Sr. Theresa Park (Korea) who will make her First Vows

23 Jan: New IBVM Leadership Team begins in USA

26 Jan: We pray for Adrina Rai IBVM who will make her First Vows in South Asia

23–30 Jan: Mary Ward Week 2020. Once again Mary Ward gives us the opportunity to strengthen the union of minds and hearts

30 Jan: New IBVM Leadership Team begins in England

30 Jan: We pray “that we may be one” (cf. Jn 17:21)

30 Jan: We pray for Sisters Celine Arulandhu, Marina Sharma (Nepal), Arpita Masih (Allahabad) Maria Fernandes, Divya Joseph (Delhi) and Paula Montano Rojas (Chile) as they make their Final Vows and Fourth Vow as members of the CJ. We also pray for Sisters Nicolina Kerketta, Eblin Xaxa, Selina Marandi (Patna), Charlie Ezung and Dipa Tudu (Nepal) who will make their First Vows

1–29 Feb: We pray for the Ongoing Formation course organized by the Regional Conference of Latin America (CRAL) and the IBVM Peru Region in which sisters from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru will take part

7 Feb: Official opening of the Mary Ward Secondary School in Mbizo. We pray gratefully for those who have collaborated in the construction of the building and ask God to bless the sisters, staff and students who will be part of this educational community

29 Feb: We pray “that we may be one” (cf. Jn 17:21)

We pray with our CJ and IBVM sisters who celebrate Jubilees of their consecrated life during these two months

We pray together for our CJ General Congregation this year

LET US DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE OF MARY WARD