

## *Let us pray*

Come Holy Spirit, make us holy.  
Fill our hearts with a burning desire for the Truth, the Way and the fullness of Life.

Enkindle in us your fire that it may make us into light  
that shines and warms and consoles.

Let our heavy tongues find words to speak of your love and beauty.

Make of us a new creation so that we become people of love,  
your holy ones, visible words of God;  
then we will renew the face of the earth and everything will be created anew.

Come Holy Spirit, make us holy, strengthen us, stay with us.

Eastern Liturgy

## *January 2014*



*The International Year of  
Small Island Developing States*

## *We pray with the Church and the World*

From the words of Pope Francis: St Paul presents Christ to us as the first-born of all creation: in him, through him and for him all things were created. He is the centre of all things, he is the beginning: Jesus Christ, the Lord. ...

This image enables to see that Jesus is the centre of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works. And so our thoughts will be Christian thoughts, thoughts of Christ. Our works will be Christian works, works of Christ; and our words will be Christian words, words of Christ. But when this centre is lost, when it is replaced by something else, only harm can result for everything around us and for ourselves.

Homily on the Feast of Christ the King November 24th, 2013

As we begin a new year and one in which a General Congregation will take place, let us ponder some words from *Passover Remembered* by Alla Bozarth-Campbell in Stars in Your Bones:

Do not hesitate to leave your old ways behind  
fear, silence, submission.

Only surrender to the needs of time –  
to love justice and walk humbly with your God.

2014 has been declared by the United Nations the International Year of Small Island Developing States. Mauritius is one of these islands and plays a significant role because of its resources, both natural and human. We pray for our members in Mauritius in a special way this year as they make contributions to the conversations and decisions about the environmental problems facing them as sea waters rise.

## *We pray with the Institute*

This month we pray for members gathering for Province Congregations in **Peru** from January 2<sup>nd</sup> until 7<sup>th</sup>, in **Mauritius** from January 3<sup>rd</sup> until 8<sup>th</sup>, in **Australia** from January 29<sup>th</sup> until February 4<sup>th</sup> and in **Spain** from January 30<sup>th</sup> until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

From our Constitutions we read: 6.34 *the purpose of the province congregation is to receive the report of the province leader, study the matters due for consideration at the general congregation and elect delegates to attend the general congregation.*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January M. Mary Nitya, Sangeeta Surin, Sangeta Madhuri Jojo and Valerie Mundu will pronounce their First Vows. We pray with and for them that God's blessing will be on them and all in the province.

Some provinces are welcoming candidates as the New Year begins. We join together in praying for them and those accompanying them.

## *One Small Voice*

It is no more difficult to believe in God's power at work  
in the resurrection of one person than it is to believe  
in the transformation of the universe.

Denis Edwards