

We pray with the Church and the world

General Intention of the Holy Father: Christ, Present in the Eucharist: that believers may recognize in the Eucharist the living presence of the Risen One who accompanies them in daily life.

Missionary Intention: European Christians: that Christians in Europe may rediscover their true identity and participate with greater enthusiasm in the proclamation of the Gospel.

5th June is World Environment Day and the theme is *Green Economy – does it include YOU?* The UN says that a Green Economy is one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. Let's pray 'green' on this day and throughout the year!

20th June is World Refugee Day and over the next six months the UN will increase awareness about the forcibly displaced and stateless persons by telling their powerful personal stories. The campaign will carry the message that *One Refugee Without Hope is too Many*. Every day, millions of refugees face murder, rape and terror. We believe even 1 is too many. Pray for all but be especially aware of those in your country and perhaps even living close to you.

We pray with the Institute

In April at the Extended Leadership Meeting in Nairobi we received the final report from L&P Financial Trustees regarding our *Capacity for Life and Ministry Resource Assessment*. We will feature a short extract from that report as our *One Small Voice* for the next few months as each province/region receives the report, reflects on it and responds. Also refer to Marian's letter of May 17th.

Pray for leaders and treasurers as we discern the response to this assessment.

We continue to support with our prayers all those in initial formation in the various provinces and regions of our Institute.

We pray for the people of Ireland as they prepare for the Eucharistic Congress soon and for the IBVM involved in various activities.

One Small Voice

We (L&P) define stewardship as *the utilisation of resources in a manner that provides for those who are your responsibility and ensures that your mission can be discharged both now and in the future*. Good stewardship requires planning, and that planning requires certainty of facts and the identification of future options. We hope that this review provides Leadership with such information and allows them to plan in a manner that will ensure the mission of the Institute continues to prosper in all its representations.

In terms of our faith understanding, stewardship is *utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of God's creation*. This fits well with all that was heard and understood at the Toronto gathering and which continues to inform our way forward as Mary Ward women.



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Let us pray
Gracious God, all that we have comes from your hands
and we give you praise!
Help us embrace this new time as we seek your guidance and wisdom
and discern the ways open to us.
In your love send forth your Holy Spirit to us.
Open our hearts to hear your words.
Transform our minds to see possibilities, to be visionaries and prophets.
Lead us to a vision that will strengthen our Institute.
May we always be a sign of faith, hope and love,
a refuge where all are welcomed in Jesus' name.
Amen.