

## We pray with the Church and the world

General Intention of the Holy Father: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.

Missionary Intention: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priests, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

The Tertians for this year begin their journey around this time. Let us pray for them that this will be a special time of grace and insight: Darjeeling: Sushila Kerketta and Sabrina Edwards; Eastern Africa: Mary Gitau and Lucy Wambui; England: Kate Myers; India: Maloti Thakur; Ireland: Louise O'Sullivan; Mauritius: Linda Charles; South Africa: Pat Hanvey.

September 21<sup>st</sup> is International Day for Peace and the theme this year is *Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future*. We particularly remember all those places where CJ and IBVM sisters live and work in danger and risk. We pray for all who work for peace.

## We pray with the Institute

(The last of extracts from the *Capacity for Life & Ministry Assessment*)

Some challenges for all of us.....

The Institute is in a period of significant change which is ongoing. The manner in which the change is managed and accepted is the only choice available to the Institute. The key question is whether the Institute is prepared to engage in meaningful planning and implementation to facilitate and control this change, or is it just going to react as difficulties and crises emerge. Institute Leadership needs to be proactive and influence the direction of the change as a passive approach will only lead to reaction which will not achieve the optimum results.

It is clear that there is a need for quality Leadership into the future and it is essential the Sisters are identified and trained for this demanding and complex role.

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## One Small Voice

The challenge of today's Catholic leaders is to trust in the holiness of the human heart; to rediscover the blueprint for leadership in the graces of baptism; to believe that the more integrated and authentic the very lives of leaders are, the more empowering their ministry will be.

Leadership is distributed. It resides not solely in the individual at the top, so to speak, but in every person at every level, who in one way or another, acts as a leader to a group of followers or within a circle of influence.

The goal of leadership is not about reaching the top of a hierarchical ladder, but about the authentic vision and inspiration we create on whatever rung of it we find ourselves....every rung contains the heart of leadership.

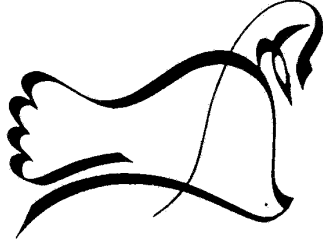
Donal O'Leary *Courageous Conversations* The Furrow Feb 2006

## Let us pray

We can change the world because we can change ourselves.  
This is the birthplace of hope.  
We are called on to change the world.  
That is the imperative of faith.  
It was and still is a compelling vision.

*Jonathan Sacks Radical Then, Radical Now.*

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