

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, light of the world
as the moon reflects the light of the sun,
and as this mirror reflects
what is before it,
so may your light shine in me.
Then however dimly,
may others see your image and reflection,
and so come to know you
for themselves.
Amen

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..they saw a charcoal fire already laid
and fish placed on it, and bread.
John 21:9

We pray with the Church and the World

Let us earnestly pray for **Pope Francis** as he takes up his role as *Servant of the Servants of God* and *Pastor of the Universal Church*. May he face the many challenges ahead with the humility of a servant and the strength of a leader in the world today.

During this month we will meditate on the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection. Such moments invite us to look at the ordinary events of our daily lives for the presence of Jesus. *Remember - each one of us is an existence of God, a presence of Christ, a sacrament of the Church, a gift to the world.*

22nd April is **Mother Earth Day**. International Mother Earth Day promotes a view of the Earth as the entity that sustains all living things found in nature. It honors the Earth as a whole and our place within it. Continue to pray and act for responsible use and care of this our earth, our home.

We pray with the Institute

The **Extended Leadership Meeting** is being held in Wheaton, Chicago this month between the 15th and 26th. Pray for each one, that the Spirit of creativity and generosity will bless this opportunity for union of minds and hearts.

The Provincial/Regional Superiors Conference of the **CJs** also occurs in this month in Rome, so we pray the same gift of union of minds and hearts for them.

There will be a consultation in **Peru Region** from April 29th to May 9th for the next leadership. Join with the members there as they share their discernment for the way forward.

One Small Voice

Ageing is usually seen as the final stage of life and with it comes many challenges. Things we cherish begin slipping away. However, my friend and mentor in his recent book, while admitting '*Age can be a lonely and puzzling time*' believes that '*the challenges of later life, and the spirituality they open up for us, are full of possibilities that make later life potentially the most exciting and fulfilling time of life.*'* And that is my experience as well.

Today, as I approach my 87th birthday, I hear the old recurring question: *where is HOME for me?* The Cosmic Christ now challenges. The search continues....

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*Quotation from Jim McManus Searching for Serenity CSsR Publications 2010