

Bridges

February 17, 2012

Religious of Jesus and Mary

USA Province

FROM THE PROVINCE OFFICE:

February 20th: Provincial Offices closed in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday

February 24th: In-Service meeting, 12: noon – 3 pm at the Provincial Offices

NEWS FROM OUR SISTERS:

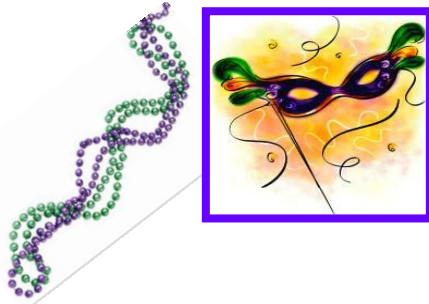
EPIPHANY KING & QUEEN at Holy Cross Health Center CONGRATULATIONS MARIA!



**Sr. Maria Belen Rojas, RJM, shown on the right as King
with a sister of Holy Cross.**

Maria appreciates cards and visits! Holy Cross Health Center is located at 357 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109.

Happy Mardi Gras - Tuesday, February 21, 2012



LENTEN PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

We beseech you, O Lord that as our bodies grow weaker for lack of food during the season of fasting, so our souls may grow stronger.

May we learn to fight more valiantly against evil, and strive more earnestly for righteousness. Thus, abstaining from the fruits of earth, may we bear more abundantly the fruits of your spirit.

The Gelasian Sacramentary

From Sr. Jacqueline Crepeau

Ignatian Lenten Series

Beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, February 26 and continuing for the next four Sundays of Lent (March 4, 11, 18 and 25), there will be a presentation of the **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius** at St. Charles Church in Woonsocket at 3:00 p.m.

Presenters will include four Jesuits and one sister:

- * February 26 and March 4, Fr. Kenneth Hughes, S.J. and Sister Nancy Sheridan, SASV will present the first two weeks of the exercises;
- * March 11, Fr. Richard Roos, S.J. will speak on "Ignatius' famous Rules for Discernment;"
- * March 18, Fr. Charles Healey, S.J. will speak on the third week of the exercises;
- * March 25, Fr. William Russell, S.J. will speak on the fourth week.

Everyone is invited to these presentations which will be held in the Church hall. St. Charles Church is located at 190 North Main St. in Woonsocket.



Sr. Catherine McIntyre's new land line telephone at Cabrini Nursing Home is 914-693-6106.

Sr. Margaret Mary Quinn is now in room 319 at St. Cabrini Nursing Home.

Please Pray for God's healing for...

- all our RJM Sisters, families, friends and benefactors in need of God's healing, especially **Sr. Mariam Norick** who is now recovering in rehab.
 - for the sister of Sr. Therese, Louise Roy, who is in ICU with pneumonia and slowly improving.
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Of Interest

NEWS FROM UNANIMA

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Updates: February 2012

Economics 101

Time for a confession: for most of my adult life I did not think of economics as a subject that touched my life—and certainly never thought that I would be reading a book about it! But so many United Nations issues are rooted in economics: war, poverty, environmental crises. This is nothing new: in English there is a saying that “money is the root of all evil.” As we prepare for Rio+20 around the issue of Sustainable Development, it becomes clear that one of the biggest parts of that topic is how to create patterns of sustainable *consumption*.

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Introducing: Carmenza

Carmenza Zoque, a Sister of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian) from Bogota, Colombia arrived to begin her internship on January 14. She is celebrating 40 years of religious life! Carmenza has been working with young people and adolescents in the Ciudad Bolivar neighborhood of Bogota. Convinced that religious life is a choice of life lived in joy and surrender to God in the person of the poorest, she is particularly interested in UN work involving women and girls, and the poor.

The Commission for Social Development

Without NGO sisters from or working in Latin America have formed a working group to share wisdom with each other, and to make use of UN opportunities to facilitate dialog with their contacts in different countries. They are launching this group around preparations for Rio+20 in Brazil. The founding members of the group include Sisters Maria Antonieta Trimpay SP (UNANIMA), Griselda Martinez Morales CSJ, Yolanda Sánchez RGS, Mary Ives and Maura McCarthy IPS.

The Commission on the Status of Women 56

In accord with its multi-year program of work, the 2012 priority theme of the CSD is “the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication and development.” The commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of last year’s theme of “financing for gender equality and empowerment.” UNANIMA is holding a side event on “Models of Empowerment of Rural Women” featuring a panel of women representing Africa and Latin America. Almost 20 representatives of UNANIMA communities are registered to attend. Registration is now closed, but you can follow events by checking the webpage for CSW56, or can see live webcasts on <http://www.un.org/webcast> .

Initiative for Latin America

Sister Maria Antonieta Trimpay, SP, a former intern and present board member, will be offering a workshop in Chile, SA on March 10, 2012. It is for UNANIMA members and other interested persons, and will feature “Information and Formation” on the topic of Rio+20. We encourage our Chilean members to attend.

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Coming Up in the Next Issue

News on the new committee **Trafficking in Persons**; update on preparations for **Rio+20**, and the next in the series featuring our UNANIMA communities! And two more communities have made inquiries about joining us...
