

From the Provincial Team



*Listen and gently be present
to the mystery of God in our midst
from the Provincial team.*



COSMIC WALK - NODDFA

It is now possible to view a video of Barbara's Cosmic Walk Paintings with commentary and music on

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsP2GCetv30&sns=em>



Celebrating Margaret's Golden Jubilee

On 11th October a great gathering of friends and family assembled in Noddfa to celebrate Margaret Fielding's Golden Jubilee and one of her significant birthdays. The weather in general was glorious and the occasion matched the spirit of the elements and surrounding beauty- full of joyous celebration on all levels. The guests were together for a few days so many memories were shared, great food was eaten and all appreciated the extraordinary hospitality of the community at Noddfa.

Thank you Margaret for giving us the opportunity to be together and have fun. *Catherine Gough*



BEREAVEMENTS

Our sympathies are with

Sr Esther McCarthy on the death of her nephew **Davy Aeneas Lenihan** who died on Thursday 13th November aged 61 years.

The **Sisters of the East American Province** on the sudden death of **Sr. Teresita Fay RSHM** on Friday, October 24, 2014, in the emergency room of a Brooklyn hospital

and **Sr. Salome Almeida** died peacefully at West Middlesex Hospital in London today, Saturday, November 15th. Salome was 90 years old and in the 65th year of her Religious Profession.



The JPIC Team has prepared a reflection paper on 'Care of the Earth' as a follow up to the Chapter. It can be used by individuals, communities or in reflection groups. The full document, published by the Irish bishops in 2009, has been updated in a more user friendly version for use in parishes and other groups. This can be viewed or downloaded, as well as an accompanying reflection document – **Glas** prepared by Trocaire at trocaire.org at trocaire.org

The JPIC reflection paper can be viewed in the JPIC section of the web.



We sincerely thank Mrs Kay Adamson for her dedicated service and commitment to our sisters in Arrowsmith and wish her every happiness in her new post.

A warm welcome to Mrs Sarah Smith who will replace Kay as from 8th December. We look forward to working with her.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish each one a very happy and peace-filled Christmas. We hope you will receive all the blessings you wish to receive. In lieu of sending cards we are giving an extra donation to a local Charity
- Vincent de Paul. *Sisters Tallaght Community*

Wishing you all the joy and peace of Christ this Christmas, and many blessings throughout 2015. Our "card money" will be donated to our local St Vincent de Paul Conference.
Dorothy, Breda and Kathleen, Manor Park

Good wishes and every blessing for 2015. We will, once again, be donating the cost of the cards and postage to our local SVP. They were very appreciative of this last year and sincerely thank the SHMs for the donation. *Freda, Joanna and Mary, 22 Castle Oaks*

Lisburn Community wish all our sisters a very happy Christmas and many blessings for 2015.

To all our Sisters - our best wishes for a happy blessed Christmas and may the New Year be good to you from all of us at *Grianán Close*. We are making a donation to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Wishing each of you a truly blessed Christmas. May it be a season of joy, peace and love. Blessings for 2015. Donations to needy families in the local area. *Monica, Kathleen, Anne and Kathleen B*

The Sisters in Madonna House wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. We will continue to keep the needs of the province in our prayers. Donation in lieu of cards to the local SVP.



CORREF : Meeting of Conference of Religious in Lourdes from 11th to 14th of November

With Ursula I attended the CORREF meeting in Lourdes. We were about 400 women and men gathered in for the meeting which focused on **Hope** in our present reality.

The Conference allowed us first to share our fears and hopes in our present situations. It is impossible to summarize the scope of the work but I just want to give a sense of it and if you wish and can manage some French please go to the site of the CORREF and seek the ASS GEN 14, on the home page.

With a Salesian Br Petitclerc, we reflected on the mutation or major shifts in our world. He spoke strongly of that shift comparing it to the renaissance period; a mutation rather than crises. "A new man or woman is born". A new concept of the human person has emerged.

This challenges us to visit our relationship to youth; to foster relationships with them building trust, and confidence. Our young people today cry out for adult mature relationships. If Jesus seems asleep as in the boat, it means that we are trusted to get on with the work God has confided to us.

During our encounters with several leaders of lay Christian groups like CCFD, Secours Catholique, Media experts and others we were invited to make a difference in relationships through intergenerational and intercultural conversations, putting our focus on the person.

If our websites are addressed to others: we need to renew them at least once a week, modernize our images, make full use of links with other interesting sites and allow for interaction.

A Xavier sister spoke from the theological point of view of Hope: finding creative ways forward. She based much of her reflection on the crossing of the Red Sea... stressing the courage of those who made the first step. Job too searched out a way other than the one his friends were recommending... We are asked to explore too the Easter story: the tomb was empty but open!

There was a great sense of hope as sisters shared their Congregation stories, their structural changes, their acceptance of "foreigners", their web endeavours, their plans to let go of their Congregation or their works. The cooperation between Congregations was also a great sign of our openness to newness.

Bernadette Mc Namara

