



NEA NEWS & VIEWS



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Some short verses for June

June's Gentle Breeze

Soft winds play through the trees,
Dancing with summer's ease.
June brings warmth in its wake,
Life stirs in each breath we take.

Leaves flutter in silent cheer,
Whispers of joy we hear.
Sunlight gleams, skies are bright,
Early summer feels just right.



Blooms of June

Petals bright in morning light,
Colours vivid, pure delight.
June brings flowers, gardens bloom,
Nature's canvas starts to loom.

Roses, daisies, tulips fair,
Fragrance fills the summer air.
Beauty in each vibrant hue,
Flourishing as June ensues.

Strawberry Fields

Ripe berries in fields of green,
June's sweet taste, a sight serene.
Plucked with care, in morning light,
Nature's gift, a pure delight.
Basket full, the day's reward,
Summer's treasure we adore.
Juicy bites, a flavour grand,
Strawberry fields, a wonderland.



News from Arrowsmith – from Anne Curran

We have two new members to our community. They arrived some weeks ago and quickly made themselves at home ... always first down for breakfast ... arriving in time for dinner and also for supper. Guess who?? 😊

Two ducks! and they even make their way into the conservatory if Mandy is not out with their food. I can see them from my window. They arrived on a Sunday and since Mandy is not in on Sundays they pecked right around the window trying to get in. We have christened them Darby and Joan since we think they have been coming for ages. We think they will soon be expecting to have additions to their family so we look forward to seeing the offspring. Anne



NEA sisters you will recognise who featured in the past month on Facebook for the 175 faces / 175 years



SOME NEWS FROM AROUND THE INSTITUTE

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Area

On May 16, **South Central LAMP** held a Donor Recognition Reception and had the privilege of honouring the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) for their extraordinary 30-year dedication as one of the eight founding orders of the agency. The evening was a testament to their unwavering commitment and the impactful difference they have made in their community.



RSCM RSHM FEASTDAY CELEBRATION

Many RSHM throughout the Institute participated in the zoom meeting on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

"On this feast of the Sacred Heart of Mary, and throughout the coming year as we prepare for our General Chapter, may we listen and ponder together the ways in which God is present and active in our world today, remembering that 'with God all things are possible.' (Matthew 19:26)" Sister Margaret Fielding.

Some screenshots of the participants in different areas.



The blessing of the sisters Pará Moreira and Ana Luísa Pinto, who are on their way to Timor.

May the Holy Spirit impart peace, humility and strength to you.

May the Holy Spirit communicate to you calmness, meekness and strength.

"May he give them everything they need to fulfil, for his greater glory, the precious mission He has entrusted to them. Amen." Jean Gailhac



A new RSHM community in Tete, Mozambique.

We pray for sisters Maria Flora and Isaura Paulino Invarua, members of the new community, who will work with focus on pastoral work in the parish, education, health - nursing, accompanying the girls at HOME and accompanying the members of the Extended Family of the Sacred Heart of Mary. As Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, we are called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ, who came so that all may have life.



The blessing and the sending of Sisters Maria Flora and Isaura Paulino Invarua, from the Area of Mozambique, to our new mission in Manje, Diocese of Tete, Chiúta District.

Archbishop Dom Tonito and Sister Valéria Ernio, leader of the Mozambique Area, are also present in the photos. Sr. Valéria gave the Capulanas, traditional vestments, to Sisters Maria Flora and Isaura, who are members of the newly opened community.

Vocation Awareness and Pre-Novitiate Formation Workshop

A screenshot of those who facilitated and those who participated in the Vocation Awareness and Pre-Novitiate Formation Workshop on the theme: "God's call is everywhere"! Which Candidates/ Formees Today?



BEREAVEMENTS



The Arrowsmith and Seafield communities, all the sisters and her family on the death of **Sr Aline Leonard SHM** on June 8.

Aline was 92 years of age and in the 72nd year of profession. Let us remember Aline and all who mourn her at this sad time.

The **Sisters of the Mozambique Area** on the death of **Sr Celeste** who died recently in Maputo.

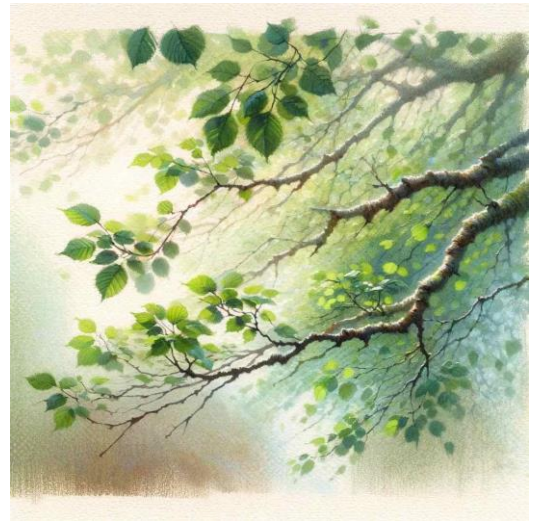
May Sisters Aline and Celeste rest in peace.

JUNE by Francis Ledwidge

Broom out the floor now, lay the fender by,
And plant this bee-sucked bough of woodbine there,
And let the window down. The butterfly
Floats in upon the sunbeam, and the fair
Tanned face of June, the nomad gipsy, laughs
Above her widespread wares, the while she tells
The farmers' fortunes in the fields, and quaffs
The water from the spider-peopled wells.

The hedges are all drowned in green grass seas,
And bobbing poppies flare like Elmo's light,
While siren-like the pollen-stained bees
Drone in the clover depths. And up the height
The cuckoo's voice is hoarse and broke with joy.
And on the lowland crops the crows make raid,
Nor fear the clappers of the farmer's boy,
Who sleeps, like drunken Noah, in the shade.

And loop this red rose in that hazel ring
That snares your little ear, for June is short
And we must joy in it and dance and sing,
And from her bounty draw her rosy worth.
Ay! soon the swallows will be flying south,
The wind wheel north to gather in the snow,
Even the roses spilt on youth's red mouth
Will soon blow down the road all roses go.



June Tune

Leaves rustle in the soft June breeze,
Creating melodies through the trees.
Nature's song, a gentle sound,
Harmony in the world around.

Branches sway, a rhythmic dance,
In this symphony, we find a trance.
Wind and leaves in sweet commune,
Together play a June tune.



Midyear Reflections

As June marks the year's midway cheer,
We ponder the goals held dear.
With sunshine and rain,
We balance our gain,
Reflecting on paths now clear.

CELEBRATING THE WONDER OF FLOWERS

Barbara Bailey

Paula, Dorothy and I visited a local Methodist church to experience just that. The Church was surrounded by specially planted meadows mostly of daisies and cornflowers, just a few poppies. They looked just glorious in the Summer sunshine and visible from the busy road that was on one side so anyone passing by could enjoy their splendour...no walls!



Information corner

The whole event was such a wholistic meditation and inspiration from the flowers and the people involved. We came back truly refreshed by the experience. *Barbara*

In the Church building a display called Flower Power displayed paintings, embroidery and other artefacts created by the Church Art Group.

Other displays spoke of the environmental importance of flowers, especially wild flowers and another of the language of flowers particularly in the LBGT community.

I was struck by how so many groups and individuals were working and walking together in this whole project and welcoming the local community to walk and enjoy with them.



Meadow. Dot and Paula admiring a painting painted by a friend of ours