



JOURNEYS

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Dear Friends,

Summer is near, and for some this means the possibility of travel to a location of interest, another city or even country. Exposure to new places can expand our minds and vision. We see the differences in people and cultures and are stretched to appreciate the richness of diversity.

We Roman Union Ursulines are international and worldwide, serving in 35 countries. This gives us connections with real people whom we know all over this world. Our Ursuline Constitutions express the deep meaning: “In our diversity, we are called to reflect the unity and catholicity of the Church and to be witnesses of love in a divided world.”

Witnesses of love in a divided world---what a challenge! Our world seems more divided today than ever before. How can each of us help to heal the divisions?

As I write this, our United States government is engaged in heated debates about immigration in this country. NETWORK, the National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, is calling for “commonsense immigration reform” that:

- Ensures family unity
- Protects the rights of immigrant workers
- Acknowledges that our borders are already secure, with only minor changes needed
- Speeds up processing of already-approved immigrants
- Enhances the present diversity visa program
- Provides a clear and direct pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people who are undocumented in the U.S.

It remains to be seen what the outcome of the debate will be. For now, we can certainly pray that the best decisions will be made. And we can commit ourselves anew to promote love in our own little part of the world.

Sincerely,

St. Elisa Ryan

For Reflection

How am I called to “go beyond my borders” and be a witness of God’s love in our world today?

Is there someone to whom I could specifically reach out?

Angela Merici

Scripture Helps

Matthew 5:38-48 Read slowly these words of Jesus and let them fill your heart. Talk with him about how it is possible to live such a love.

“If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others?”



Other Resources

Preparations for **2013 World Youth Day**, July 23-28, are well underway. Experience the spectacular beauty of Rio de Janeiro while listening to the official *World Youth Day Song* (translation of some of the words given at right):

<http://www.rio2013.com/en/multimedia/videos/130/Clip-Official-Anthem>.

Join Pope Francis for **Worldwide Eucharistic Adoration on June 2**.

Vatican Radio says, “From the Cook Islands to Chile, Burkina Faso, Taiwan, Iraq, Bangladesh, the United States, and the Philippines, people will unite in prayer with Pope Francis this weekend before One Lord and in One faith, for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.”

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2013/05/28/pope_to_lead_millions_in_global_hour_of_adoration/en1-696274. It will be broadcast from St. Peter’s Basilica 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Rome time (10:00 am-11:00 am Central Daylight Time).

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HOPE OF THE DAWN

Under the shadow, marked
forever with the sign of The
Redeemer
On the hilltop, Corcovado
The whole world is filled
with His love.

Christ invites us:
Come to me, be my friends
Christ, He sends us
“Be missionaries!”

Can you see it, it is
springtime
we have the hope of a
dawn. . Can you imagine, if
every nation, every tribe
and tongue, this generation
Saying no to war, no to
hatred reigns. . . .

We hear you, as you say
“Go make disciples, of all
nations,
A new people, in unity
Bring their hearts to me”
Proclaiming your gospel
Lives are changed, we’re
not the same
A new creation, the old has
gone
We know a new world will
come.