

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved. Forever!

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Dear Associates,

Our suffering world is crying out for help, for meaning and for **HOPE**. What is it, this **HOPE**? It has been defined in so many ways by saints and poets and ordinary people like us. But all agree that **HOPE** is as essential to life as the air we breathe. Someone once wrote that

*Human beings can live for forty days without food,
four days without water, and four minutes without air.
But we cannot live for four seconds without **hope**.*

When I think of **HOPE** it reminds me of the beautiful poem by Emily Dickinson,

“Hope” is the Thing with Feather:

Hope is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings a tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweeter - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little bird -
That keeps so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yes – never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb – of me -



At our Baptism we became the children of God and were filled with the theological gifts/virtues of faith, **hope** and charity. These enable us to be caught up in the life of the Trinity and to have a personal, loving and Intimate relationship with our loving God. As we live with these gifts we grow in knowledge and love of God. Our faith strengthens as we exercise it in times when it's hard to believe; our **hope** sustains us in seemingly hopeless situations; our charity blossoms as we learn to love selflessly. So it is in believing, **hoping** and loving, (which involve the three aspects of our humanity: understanding, remembering and desiring), that we respond to our God who continually draw us to himself.

When it comes to living in **hope** in this time of pandemic Simon Tugwell has some very good advice when he writes about **hope** in the face of disaster:

*God's purpose is our salvation;
we should not think of him maliciously trying to catch us out,
waiting as it were, to catch us off guard and pounce on us when we are in sin.*

*All his works are for the making of man, not for his undoing.
And so it is more fundamental to a truly theological view of life to be **hopeful** than to be anxious.
Even things that go wrong are within the overall process whereby God leads us to himself.*

*After all, the epitome of all sin and all disaster,
the murder of the Son of God,
is the very centre of all **hope**.*

*That is the way in which God takes our sin and our suffering into account,
And that is how we, too, must take it into account.*

(The Beatitudes: Soundings in Christian Traditions, Templegate Publications, Springfield, IL, 1980, p.39)

Our soul awaits the Lord;
he is our help and our shield;
Our hearts rejoice in him, we trust in his holy name.
Lord, let your love rest on us as our **hope** has rested on you.
(Psalm 33: 20-21)



Pope Francis has this to say about **hope**:

*It is not easy to live in **hope**,
but I would say that it should be the air that a Christian breathes, **the air of hope**.*

***Hope** is this living tension, always knowing that we cannot make a nest here:
the life of the Christian is in ongoing tension.*

*If a Christian loses this perspective, his life becomes static
and things that do not move are motionless.*

Let's think of water: when the water is still, it doesn't run, it doesn't move, it stagnates.

A Christian who is not capable of being out-stretched, of being in tension,

*is missing something: he will end up stagnant.
For him, the Christian life will be a philosophical doctrine, he will live it like that,
he will say that it is faith, but without **hope** it is not.*

***[Hope]** is the most humble of virtues ... that only the poor can have.
If we want to be men and women of **hope**, we must be
poor, poor, not attached to anything. Poor. And open.
Hope is humble, and it is the virtue that we work at – so to speak- every day:
every day we have to take it back,
every day we have to take the rope and see that the anchor is fixed there
and I hold it in my hand;
every day we have to remember that we have the security,
that is the Spirit who works in us in small things.
May the Lord give us, to all of us, this grace of living in tension,
in tension, but not through nerves, problems, no:
in tension through the Holy Spirit
who throws us to the other shore and keeps us in **hope**.
(Casa Maria Oct 2019)*

Bishop Robert Morneau in his book also writes about “tension” in the context of our ways of dealing with time, past, present and future.

*To forget totally is to lose any sense of identity;
to grasp the past as if it were everything is just as dangerous.
To experience the sacrament of the moment is a grace,
yet we are also aware of the ‘tyranny of the immediate’.
And as for the future, while glancing ahead we must not let
possible worries and anxieties consume the soul.*

***Hope** becomes possible to the extent that we foster the art of wise forgetting
and the skill of keeping the present moment in perspective.
It comes down to a radical trust, a confidence that God’s promise of presence is real.
If we believe that we step through the future into Eternity,
into the fullness of God’s light and love,
then we will be **agents of hope** for a world weary and worn.
A New Heart- Eleven Qualities of Holiness, Orbis Books, Maryknoll NY 2008, p125-126.*

Then, donning his poet’s hat, and inspired by the words of Evelyn Underhill, “... the art of wise forgetting”, Bishop Morneau writes:

HOPE

*Is there wisdom in forgetting,
forgetting the trivial,
the superfluous,
the inane?
Like the missed free throw in the championship game,
or the blunder in the graduation talk,
or the planting of the tulips upside down?*

*These memories foster self-absorption,
blind us to the present,
waste tons of energy.
To be an artist of wise forgetting
is to become an **agent of hope**.*

What a wonderful program of hope for us, so intent on being the Heart of God in our world: to be **agents of hope** trusting fully in the promises of our loving God!

Name two people who have been **agents of hope** in your life – who have opened your heart and soul to another way of being, thinking, acting.

Thank God for their presence in your life.

How are you/could you be an **agent of hope** to others now?

The Scriptures are full of inspiring words and prayers telling us of God's loving providence and giving us reason to **hope** and trust.

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk not nor grow faint. Isaiah 40:31

And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Matthew 28:20

"For I know the plans I have in store for you", declares the Lord, "plans for peace, not disaster, reserving a future full of hope for you." Jeremiah 29:11

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church No 1818 we read this about *hope*:

*'[Hope] keeps man from discouragement;
it sustains him during times of abandonment;
it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude.
Buoyed up by **hope**, he is preserved from selfishness
and led to the happiness that flows from charity.'*

It is in the resurrection of Jesus that our **hope** is firmly rooted. **Resurrection hope** is life changing. It sees beyond the brokenness of human life and our present world and gazes into a future where creation will be renewed. It is **hope** that makes this journey to future newness worthwhile. It is **hope** that walks beside us as we travel along the road of life with our sisters and brothers in the surety of our own resurrection. It is our **Christian hope** that is our reason to live.



*For us Jesus' resurrection is the ultimate ground and the day-to-day power of our **hope**;
it is what enables us to work for a more human world, a world in line with God's will,
and to wait trustingly for God's Salvation.*

*In the risen Jesus we find God's deepest intention confirmed forever:
an abundantly happy life for all creation, a life forever free of evil.
A life lived from its very Source.*

*Where can I find a more solid ground on which to live and die in **hope**?
No one else can awaken and uphold a more radical happiness in me.
Now I know that one day I shall see all the crucified people
who are now suffering in this world without happiness or peace,
enjoying true life at last.*

*Their crucified life can only end in resurrection.
God himself 'will wipe every tear from their eyes.'
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more'.
More than that, upheld by Jesus, I dare to **hope** for my own resurrection.
In him I hear the most important words that God can say to my heart:
'To the thirsty will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life'.
As a gift!*

*Thus undeservedly, God will satisfy the thirst for life that is within us all.
(José A. Pagola, Jesus An Historical Approximation, Convivium Press, Miami 2011, page 451)*

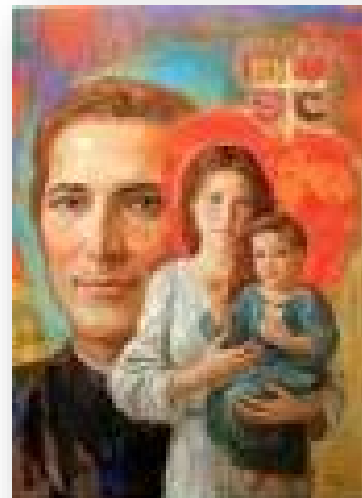
Following this letter you will find a most beautiful homily from Pope Francis on **Mary, Mother of Hope**. In June of this year the Pope asked that this title, **Mother of Hope**, be inserted into the Litany of Loretto. Our own special title, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, has often been followed by the words, **Hope of the Hopeless**, and so she is. One writer has said that Mary's "... **hope** set her free to be possessed fully in each present moment by the Holy Spirit. She refused to let herself be paralysed by past or future". She will take us to the Heart of her Son, will form in us a loving, faithful, trusting heart so that we may be on earth the Heart of God. Let us go to her with great confidence.

May I conclude with this beautiful blessing from Romans 15:13:

*May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with **hope**
by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

United in the love of the Heart of Jesus with Mary

Sr Ancilla White Osh



Pope Francis

General Audience - 10 May 2017

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Good morning!*

In our series of catechesis on **Christian hope**, today we look to Mary, **Mother of Hope**. Mary experienced more than one night on her journey as mother. Since her first appearance in the narrative of the Gospels, her figure stands out as if she were a character in a drama. It was not easy to respond with a 'yes' to the Angel's invitation: yet she, a woman in the flower of her youth, responds with courage, despite knowing nothing of the fate that awaits her. In that instant Mary appears to us as one of the many mothers of our world, courageous to the extreme when it comes to welcoming, in one's own womb, the history of a new man to be born.

That 'yes' is the first step in a long list of examples of obedience — a long list of examples! — that will accompany her journey as mother. Thus, Mary appears in the Gospels as a silent woman, who often does not understand all that is happening around her, but who contemplates each word and each event in her heart.

In this disposition there is a beautiful sample of Mary's psychology: she is not a woman who is depressed by the uncertainties of life, especially when nothing seems to be going the right way. Nor is she a woman who protests violently, who curses life's fate, which often shows us a hostile face. She is instead a woman who listens: do not forget that there is always a great connection between **hope and listening**, and Mary is a woman who listens. Mary welcomes life as it is conveyed to us, with its happy days, but also with its tragedies that we would rather not have met. Until Mary's supreme night, when her Son is nailed to the wood of the cross.

Until that day, Mary had nearly disappeared from the Gospel accounts: the sacred writers suggest this slow eclipsing of her presence, her remaining silent before the mystery of a Son who obeys the Father. However, Mary reappears precisely at the crucial moment: when a large number of friends disperse out of fear. Mothers do not abandon, and in that instant at the foot of the Cross, none of us could say which was the cruellest passion: be it that of an innocent man who dies on the gallows of the Cross, or the agony of a mother who accompanies the final moments of her son's life.

The Gospels are laconic, and extremely discrete. They record Mary's presence with a simple verb: she was "standing by" (Jn 19:25). She stood by. They say nothing of her reaction: whether she wept, whether she did not weep ... nothing; not so much as a brushstroke to describe her anguish: these details would be tackled later by the imagination of poets and painters offering us images that have entered the history of art and literature. But the Gospels only say: she was "standing by". She stood there, at the worst moment, at the cruellest moment, and she suffered with her son. She "stood by".

Mary “stood by”; she was simply there. Here again the young woman of Nazareth, hair now greyed with the passage of time, still struggling with a God who must only be embraced, and with a life that has come to the threshold of the darkest night. Mary “stood by” in the thickest darkness, but she “stood by”. She did not go away. Mary is there, faithfully present, each time a candle must be held aflame in a place of fog and haze. She does not even know the future resurrection her Son was opening at that instant for us, for all of mankind: she stands there out of faithfulness to the plan of God whose handmaid she proclaimed herself to be on the first day of her vocation, but also due to her instinct as mother who simply suffers, each time there is a child who undergoes suffering. The suffering of mothers: we have all known strong women who have faced their children’s suffering!

We will find her again on the first day of the Church; she, *mother of hope*, in the midst of that community of such fragile disciples: one had denied, many had fled, all had been afraid (cf. Acts 1:14). She simply stood by, in the most natural of ways, as if it were something completely normal: in the first Church enveloped in the light of the Resurrection, but also in the trepidation of the first steps that had to be taken in the world.

For this reason we all love her as Mother. We are not orphans: we have a Mother in heaven who is the Holy Mother of God. Because she teaches us the virtue of waiting, even when everything seems to lack meaning: she is ever confident in the mystery of God, even when he seems to have eclipsed himself due to the evil of the world. In the most difficult moments, may Mary, the Mother that Jesus gave to all of us, always support our steps, may she always say to our hearts: “Arise! Look forward, look to the horizon”, because she is the *Mother of Hope*.

Thank you!



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Stop Press!

Vatican City, Oct 4, 2020 / 04:17 am MT ([CNA](#)).- Pope Francis presented his vision for overcoming the world’s growing divisions, laid bare by the coronavirus crisis, in his new encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, published Sunday. In the encyclical the Pope urged people of good will to promote fraternity through dialogue, renewing society by putting love for others ahead of personal interests. Throughout the encyclical, the Pope emphasized the primacy of love, in both social and political contexts.

You can assess *Fratelli tutti* on the internet. It’s very long but well-worth the reading.

125th Anniversary of the Presence of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Kiribati

On May 10, 1888, the feast of the Ascension and still early dawn a tiny schooner, *Elizabeth*, sailed into the beautiful lagoon of the atoll of Nonouti. Its passengers were Fr Bontemps, Father Leray and Brother Conrad, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart from France and the first priests to come to the Gilberts. Nonouti is one of the sixteen coral atolls comprising the Gilberts (now known as Kiribati) in the Central Pacific, and home to people of Micronesian stock. These people have been described as *sturdy, courageous and friendly, whose songs and dances reflect a fun-loving zest for living and whose seamanship is daring and competent*. Transferring to a small dinghy all settled down for the long row into the shore which was reached at 4.30pm.



Earlier at the first Mass that day, celebrated on board the dinghy the Missionaries begged God's blessing on their work and on all the people. They then solemnly handed over to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart all the inhabitants of Micronesia with these words:

... and we, the first missionaries in this land, give into your hands all the labours and suffering that will be our lot and the lot of all who come after us, so that through you, our Mother, the people of our islands will become Catholics who will know, love and serve the Sacred Heart of your divine Son.

On landing on the beach the missionaries were amazed to find a large Catholic community eagerly awaiting to welcome them. In previous years Gilbertese men had gone to distant lands as paid workers and had come into contact with the Catholic

Church. Many of them were baptised and on returning to their island homeland brought the Catholic faith with them and taught their own people.

Thus began the Gilbert Islands Mission.

In 1894 Father Bontemps travelled to Issoudun to ask Mother Marie Louise Hartzler for Sisters to come to the Gilberts. On April 13, 1895, seven Sisters, the eldest being 25 years of age, the priests and five Brothers left Issoudun. In Sydney they were joined by two Australian Sisters. On 14th August 1895 all arrived at Nonouti where the whole population turned out to meet the Sisters.

And so began the OLSH presence in Kiribati. What joy this special nation has given to our Sisters over those many years. What lessons we have learnt and memories treasured.

And the rest, as they say, is history! And what a wonderful history it is. Today Kiribati is a Province with its own Novitiate. Today there is only one Australian Daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Kiribati. Now there are 75 Professed I-Kiribati Sisters, as well as 13 young women in formation. The Sisters also have foundations in Nauru, Marshall Islands, Fiji, Samoa, and Slovakia.

We must continue to pray for the courageous people of Kiribati as they battle with the ever-increasing danger of losing their beloved land to rising sea levels due to climate change. May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, to whom they were dedicated many, many years ago, be their Mother of Hope.

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25th Anniversary of OLSH Presence in Sudan

Our Congregational Leader, Sr Marife Mendoza, has graciously given permission for the following extracts from one of her recent letters celebrating our Sisters' 25 years of Ministry in what is now the Nation of South Sudan, independence from Sudan having come on 9th July 2011.

With this letter, I wish to express, on behalf of the Congregation, my heartfelt gratitude to and profound admiration of every sister who has immersed herself so deeply in the struggles and cries of the poor in South Sudan; whether this experience was for a shorter or longer period, the lives of the people were touched by your presence. Conversely, these people have affected and transformed each sister's life.

We are united with you in thanking God for having chosen us, FDNsc, to be witnesses of the love of the Heart of Jesus for the people of Mapuordit and for a shorter time in Nyamlell. We salute you, courageous FDNscs in Mapuordit...through you the FDNsc charism "was made flesh and lived" among the poor.

We are aware of the dangers you are currently facing due to ongoing tribal fighting. We hold you in our hearts and prayers. We entrust you to the care and protection of Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

United in the Heart of Jesus,

Marife Mendoza fdnsc

Sr Marife Mendoza fdnsc July 23, 2020

In the recent ***Encounter of Hearts*** Alison asked for donations to help build wells at Mapuordit. Thanks to the generosity of members of the Chevalier Family, including your dear selves, the target of \$1000 was reached.

The picture shows Sr Rita Grunke in Mapuordit and some of the Dinka ladies who will benefit from having easier access to water.

Please continue your prayers for all our Chevalier Family missionaries who are being the Heart of God to our less fortunate sisters and brothers.



Chevalier Family's Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Intention for October



Bringing to awareness that peace is the way to a better world for you and me.

Praying (the rosary) that Jesus, who is called the Prince of Peace, may grant us peace, make us witnesses of truth, justice, and love and banish from our hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Acting: we suggest committing to non-violence; when you feel angry, count to ten before saying anything. Then, ask yourself what response will be best for the greater good.

Our On-Going Formation

SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART

Part 5



in accordance with FR. JULES CHEVALIER'S CHARISM.
An on-line program for members of the Chevalier Family
and for everyone interested in a Spirituality of the Heart.
(Hans Kwakman msc)

The preceding parts of this Online Program

Part 1 (section 1-3) presents some notes about the widespread need for a Spirituality and indicates the availability of different kinds of Spirituality. A Spirituality of the Heart is the spirituality of the Chevalier Family, the Laity of the Chevalier Family included.

Part 2 (section 4-16) offers a brief introduction of the more important aspects of the Charism of Fr. Jules Chevalier (1854-1907).

Part 3 (section 17-29) shows that a Spirituality of the Heart is as relevant to the people today as it was to the men and women at the time of Chevalier. This part is based on Pope Francis' letter "*Evangelii Gaudium*" ("*the Joy of the Gospel*").

Part 4 (section 30-50) focuses on Pope Francis' letter "*Amoris Laetitia*" ("*the Joy of Love*") and reflects on a Spirituality of the Heart as a source of inspiration for the daily life of married couples, singles and religious, who live in a community.

Part 5, the part which now follows, will reflect on a Spirituality of the Heart in Pope Francis' letter "*Laudato Si*" ("*Praise be to you, my Lord*"), on Care for our Common Home.

All these sections are still available from Mr. Roland Douchin at <cornovum@gmail.com>.



Section 51:

‘Laudato Si’ and a Spirituality of the Heart.

On May 24, 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical letter entitled, *"Laudato Si": ("Praise be to you, my Lord")* in which he speaks on *"Care for our Common Home"*. In this letter, the Pope urges us to take responsibility for the place where we live, the world we inhabit together with so many other creatures: planet Earth.

Our common home is currently going through a deep crisis, the Pope declares. He speaks of *"the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes"* (LS 63). He refers to global warming and climate change; the throwaway culture and pollution; extreme drought and lack of access to safe drinkable water; loss of biodiversity and the decline in the quality of human life. *We cannot remain indifferent to these catastrophes*, he states, *all the more so since these disasters mostly affect the poorest people*.

For us, Chevalier Associates, there is also the question of what attitude we can adopt in the midst of these crises – we, who are trying to live a Spirituality of the Heart. This question brings us straight to the heart of Pope Francis' discourse, which he formulates as follows:

"Creation is of the order of love.

God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things" (LS 77).

He bases this vision on the testimony of the Holy Scriptures. For example, the book of 'Wisdom' declares:

*"For you love all things that exist,
and detest none of the things that you have made;
for you would not have made anything if you had hated it"
(Wisdom 11:24; LS 77).*

Therefore, the Pope invites us to see creation first and foremost

*"as a gift, coming from the outstretched hand of the Father of all,
and as a reality enlightened by love, which calls us together to universal communion" (LS 76).*

This vision of the Pope raises many questions, especially in these times when so many people are suffering from the global COVID-19 pandemic. But even people who suffer from devastating earthquakes or typhoons; prolonged drought or flooding; extreme poverty, permanent handicaps or a painful loss, will wonder how the Pope can speak of a God who loves all that lives (Wisdom 11:26). We will elaborate on this in the following sections.

REFLECTION

*"The various cultural and religious resources
found in art, literature, sacred writings,*

*liturgical action and mystical contemplation,
contribute to the ecological commitment
which is intrinsic to faith.*

*The Creation accounts in the Bible bring together
relationships to God, the neighbour and to the earth,
together with the principle of common ownership.*

*All this requires that human intelligence
respect the particular nature of things.*

*Each living being has a value in God's eyes,
which counts more than pragmatic usefulness.*

*There is a larger world of wonder
overflowing the limited scope of mere human utility.*

*In that perspective of one divine creation,
everything is interconnected."*

(Anthony J. Kelly Csr, "Laudato Si". *An Integral Ecology and the Catholic Vision*.

Published by ATF Press Publishing Group, Australia}.

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113TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER JULES CHEVALIER'S DEATH - 21ST OCTOBER 1907



The Basilica

At the news of her beloved mentor and friend's death Mother Marie Louise Hartzler wrote to inform the Sisters who were also in many European countries as well as in the missions of the Pacific:

*On 21st October (the Heart of Jesus) called to
himself our beloved and venerated Father
Founder, and the next day a telegram
announced the sad news. Like our good Father
let us have a passion for the Heart of Jesus, for
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and for souls.*



Chapel of OLSH

Ill health prevented her from travelling to Issoudun for Father Chevalier's Funeral – it was only a few months before she herself died on 22nd February 1908. From the account given her by Sisters present Marie Louise was able to write to the Congregation:

*"And so Father Chevalier entered in triumph into his dear Basilica,
by the wide-open main doors.*

*After lying in state for a day and a night in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
he now rests in the crypt under that same chapel,*

the chapel of her whom he loved so much and to whom he brought such great glory."

Let us pray for each other, and for all members of the Chevalier Family, on 21st October, that we may truly have a passion for the Heart of Jesus, for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and for our sisters and brothers everywhere.

Stamps! Stamps! Stamps!

We don't really need the "rare" ones!
Any old stamps will be most welcome,
as well as current ones.

Many thanks to those who have already send in generous bundles, and smaller but still most welcome offerings. All proceeds to our overseas missions. Please keep them coming.



Group Reports

Many thanks to those who have been able to meet together during this time of pandemic. We all treasure the support of each other and especially during these times. Please God it won't be long before all the groups can resume their regular meetings. Until then, keep on praying for each other and for our troubled and hurting sisters and brothers throughout the world.

CANBERRA: We met at St Matthew's Church, Page on 5th September. We read and discussed the article by Fr Diamuid O'Murcha MSC, a very challenging article with much to meditate one in the coming week. We all loved the last paragraph on our precious Charism and Spirituality of the Heart. We thought that said it all. We will continue to pray with renewed vigour to our Lady of the Sacred Heart in these troubles times. We are using the Prayer to OLSH that was in the *Ametur*.

Christine Casey

CORINDA: Covid restrictions have meant very few gatherings this year, but on Sunday, 12 September, we had a small group meet for an informal catchup, but not really a meeting. However, we did make a list of prayer requests. We Associates at Corinda are extremely appreciative of the *Ametur*.

Mary McMahon

HARTZER PARK: In our 5th online meeting we drew inspiration from the *Ametur* and the theme of *Compassion*. The Reflection was adapted from a series by Michael Hansen SJ entitled *FSE Field Hospital* which was provided by Sr Merrilyn. This drew our attention to when it is not possible to reach out to others as we would do under normal circumstances, it is always possible to carry another or others in our heart and in our prayer.

For our Formation we went to the *Editorial* in *Encounter of Hearts* by Fr Hans Kwakman on pages 8-9 of the *Ametur*. Fr Kwakman writes about the *similar vision* found in the writings of Jules Chevalier and Pope Francis. This also drew our attention to what we considered in the previous thoughts on *compassion* in our Reflection.

Jan Clark

After 6 months of meeting *online* it was great to be together again on 20th September. *Pray Without Ceasing* was the theme for our Reflection, with 12 prayers based on a quote from 12 well-known (and not so well-known) saints and *ordinary people* who had inspiring and thoughtful words about prayer.

Sr Pauline Compton provided the inspiration for our Formation with her recent *Life Renewed* reflection from St Mary's Towers. This led into sharing the times of the past months and the difficulties and challenges that were faced as well as positive outcomes that we appreciate and would to see continue.

Jan Clark

Deep Gratitude and Prayers



We thank the International Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family for the following account and assure Louis, Nadette and their family of our prayers during this time. How blest our Chevalier Family has been, and will continue to be, for Louis and Nadette's generous contribution to the nurturing of Father Chevalier's vision and dream – May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved. Forever! May Jesus and Mary hold them close to their loving Hearts.

In 1995 we met Louis and Nadette for the first time in Issoudun (F) at the first international lay meeting, organised by them, together with their National Lay Council and the French/Swiss MSC Province at the request of P. Michael Curran, the then MSC General.

Louis Joly was the first European and international leader of the lay movement within the Chevalier family. Until 2007, he took on both tasks: that of Secretary General and Bursar. In 2017 he also passed on his duties as Bursar.

Since 1999 we have been en route with them ... good and faithful friends within the large Chevalier Family ... with their large and open hearts at the service of so many people at home and abroad ... and with an intense concern for peace and justice.

As Nadette pointed out, they both have a strong faith in the Sacred Heart and in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart! Therefore, our prayer: let us pray to Him and to Her for the healing of Louis and for support and strength for Nadette and their family.

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Update on Louis Joly (

Louis has been transferred to the hospital that will treat him for his cancer, but he can't have chemo because he is very tired. For now, they are trying to give him back his strength and weight (he has lost 12 kgs!). We hold Louis and Nadette also in our prayer.

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
see our trust in you; answer our prayer.
Show yourself always our Mother.*



We Remember Our Beloved Deceased

Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Sr Chantal Carrière, Sr Marie-Bernard Rousseau (Issoudun),
Sr Itabera (Kiribati)

OLSH Associates

Margaret McHugh (Cairns), Margaret Hanley (Corinda), Tess Bundock (Wadeye) , Rose Sexton (Canberra).

Relatives and Friends

Dr J Hargreaves, Mary Olivari, Bill Henschke, Cathy Wilson, Lorna Cubillo, Mary O'Leary, Nina Romano, Patricia Ellery, Alan Cowell, Jenny Leahy, Norma Galang, Imelda Palmer, Margaret Twohill, June Jones, Ric Enright, Kelvyn Peters, Sheila McGahan, Lesley Brown, Rondalea Perkins.

Those Sick or in Need of Prayer

Those infected by Covid19 especially some of our Sisters and their charges in South Africa, Fr Paul Jennings, Fr Tony Young, Louis and Nadette Joly, Mary Nappa, Rosemary Bolt, Adrian McInness, baby Claire Marie (Heart operation, aged 3 months), Margaret Henschke, Cathy Lillis, John McGuire, Gordon McCormack, Geoffrey Trenear, Clare Hickey, Meg McGrath, Nancy Pitman, Helen Salinger, Hanley Family, Cubillo Family, Olivari Family, Henschke Family, Haines Family, Cowell Family, Sexton Family, O'Leary Family, Christine Gaywood, Allen Lindbeck, Sal Barone, Zac, Lachlan Swatridge, Allan Casey, Maria Evans, Anne Eves, baby Charlotte Schmich, Emma, year 12 Students, People out of work, those suffering from mental issues, especially because of the Covid pandemic. All the residents at St Josephs Aged Care Facility Kensington.

Thanksgiving to OLSH

- 125 years of OLSH Sisters living and ministering in Kiribati
- 25 years of OLSH Sisters living and ministering in Sudan
- 25th Wedding Anniversary of Therese and Michael Beech
- Blessing and Opening of the new St Barbara's Church, Roxby Downs
 - Good Report for little Misa, aged 3 (leukaemia)