

# Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk



## E-News - July 2014

### From Congregation Leadership:

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Sr. Bimla Minj returned back to Brussels after completing her scheduled programs with Sr. Gemma in India. Well done Srs. Bimla and Gemma.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Sister Bimla Minj will be travelling to Congo to be with our Sisters in Congo Vice-Province and to give them retreat. We wish you God's constant guidance and pray for wisdom. May Angela and John inspire you as you assist the Sisters in their spiritual journey.

Please may we ask for your prayers for Mrs Alice Minj, the sister of Sr. Bimla Minj as she suffers from heart problems and many other complications? Thank you.

### From United States Province:

**Annual Province Weekend**  
St. Ursula Center, Blue Point, NY  
June 27-29, 2014

During the annual June weekend, forty Sisters gathered and spent time in prayer and discussion preparing for the 2014 General Chapter. Sister Catherine and our four delegates facilitated Chapter preparation sessions centered on the questions:

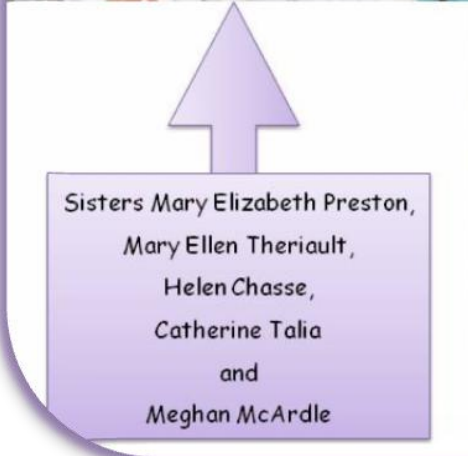
- How is God really the center of my life?
- What is God's invitation for me/for us to live contemplative spirituality for mission today?
- What is God's invitation for us as a Province to live contemplative spirituality for mission today?

On Saturday morning, the topic for the Sisters' discussion was Mission Advancement. Sister Judith offered a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of our current financial situation and our demographics as projected through 2028. Our Mission Advancement Staff, Hope Motreuil and Liz Wilson, also gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the activities and donations

received during the past year. Sister Catherine presented a newly prepared Mission Statement which the Sisters ratified unanimously. A discussion followed about the Resource Development Strategic Plan and Mission Advancement Goals set for the Province.



Associates Maureen Fulford, Joan Eliseo, Dennis Doherty, Barbara Tubito-Megara, Kathy Burger, Linda Siani, Barbara Stauffer, Kathleen Smith and Margaret Pariseau



Sisters Mary Elizabeth Preston, Mary Ellen Theriault, Helen Chasse, Catherine Talia and Meghan McArdle



During the Sunday Liturgy, the Associates present renewed the Covenants they made with the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, US Province. Thank you to our faithful Associates for living our Ursuline Charism, and for supporting our lives and ministries through these many years!

All present at the Liturgy had the opportunity to say "Thank You" and "Good-Bye" to Father John Baptist Attakruh who has been the weekend Presider at Blue Point for many years. Father is returning to Ghana to be present to his family and for ministry in his local Diocese.

At the close of Mass, a collection was taken for the "Water with Blessings" project sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, Ohio and Maple Mount, Kentucky. We are very grateful to the Sisters and Associates for their outstanding generosity and contributions to the **Water with Blessings** collection taken for the women on the Texas-Mexico border. And - we are excited to

announce that **\$730** will be sent to the **Water with Blessings** office in Louisville, KY. This money will provide **12 five-gallon buckets** and a **small filter** which will in turn provide clean, drinkable water for the women and their families. Thank you for your support - this is truly a very direct way to equip and **empower women to be agents of change!**



In addition, the Sisters and Associates had a wonderful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our Canadian Sisters as we viewed a beautiful and very touching DVD made in honor of the Sisters' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Canada.

At the close of the weekend, Sisters and Associates honored over 25 donors with a prayer service of "Gratitude" and a festive "Appreciation" dinner!

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**From Ranchi Province: Asha Kiran Sheltr Home, Fudi**

Asha Kiran Shelter Home is a home for girl children. We are committed to the wellbeing of individual from all walks of life who have been affected by human

trafficking, child abuse, child labour, victims of rape and those who have been lost and found. We are dedicated to make the inmates of Asha Kiran independent and contributing members of our society. We help identify the individual gifts in a child through different activities and programs. As far as it concerns for the care of the rescued girls, formal education or vocational training is made available to them. To the illiterate and senior girls we promote vocational skills like- tailoring, embroidery and computer to fulfill our mission to make the inmates self reliant to live a dignified life in the society.

At present Asha Kiran Shelter Home is supported by- Government of India Ministry of Women & Child Development, National Mission for Empowerment of Women, under "Thematic Convergence Project titled "Rehabilitation of Rescued Girls Child." We express our sincere gratitude to Sr. Julia George, Project in-charge, of Ranchi Ursuline Society for her continuous efforts to get this project sanctioned from the Central Government, India.

## Different games and activities are introduced in the school & Shelter home to develop their talents and qualities



A Glimpse of Hockey Session



A glimpse from badminton



A glimpse of Karate classes for the children

About 80 vulnerable and marginalized girls and women from nearby villages are helped in our center.



Vocational Training

Bag Making Session with Sr. Wineeta Bilung



They are given training for bag making, sewing and embroidery so that they can be empowered and earn their livelihood through this income generating activities.

- Sr. Ranjita Kindo

### Here below is Freeport McMoRan's sustainability report.

It has a copper mining concession in the general Lubumbashi area. We've been working with the company on all sorts of issues: regular contact with the local communities, relocation of the communities, security, education and healthcare, jobs, conflict with artisanal miners who are looking for work and are exploited by local militia, police, one another and finally cheated out of the money due them.

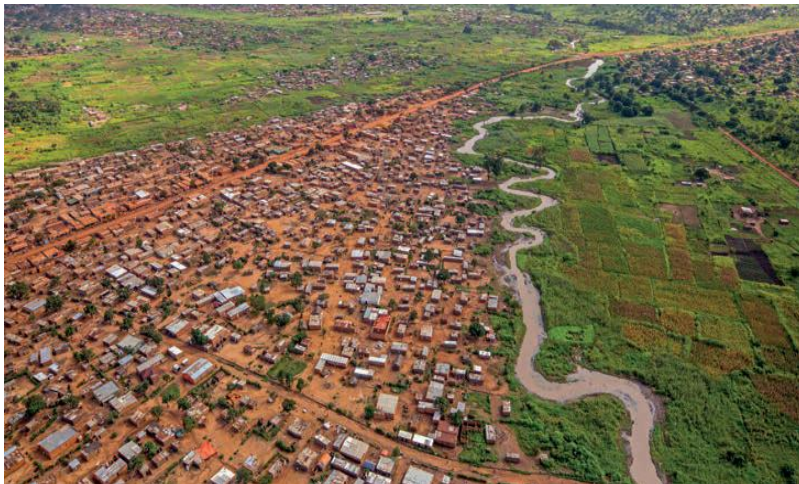
I think you will be pleased with the report. Please visit the website <http://www.fcx.com/sd/index.htm> for more information and look at the DR Congo coverage on pages 23 and 24 on the bottom right.

Valerie Heinonen, OSU  
Director, Shareholder Advocacy

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT by Freeport McMoRan

### STRENGTH IN RESOURCES : PUBLIC HEALTH

We operate in parts of the world that lack clean water and sanitation, and have populations with low levels of health education, awareness and access to adequate health services. Malaria, HIV/ AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) are serious infectious diseases impacting communities near our operations in Indonesia and the DRC, including members of our workforce. In coordination with local governments and NGOs, we dedicate significant resources to helping communities and governments reduce public health risks.



With TFM Social Community Fund financial assistance, the Agronomy Department of the University of Lubumbashi has completed bank cleaning along the Kelangile River (pictured right of the town of Fungurume above). Removal of excess debris and organic matter along

the river promotes flow and drainage while helping reduce waterborne illnesses by reducing mosquito breeding habitat.