

Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk



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The Belgian Province will hold its **Chapter** of elections from June 10 to 12 in Drongen. Sisters Bimla and Nirmala will attend the Chapter. The theme of the General Chapter will be highlighted during the Provincial Chapter as well as the words which the Pope offers for the year of consecrated Life: prophetic, evangelical and hopeful.

Sisters Bimla and Nirmala will visit the Sisters in the Belgian Province during May. Sister Jane will visit the 6 Sisters in Winnipeg from July 7-10.

Belgium Province

Puurs: A Hunger Walk makes the world a difference

The Ursuline Sisters of Puurs leave their imprint in the school - "Sjabi" (Sint-Jan-Berchmansinstituut).



Every year during the Lenten Season, Sjabi organizes a Hunger Walk to support different projects around the world for the education of school children, safe drinking water, and other medical-health projects. This year more than 1,500 students and teachers participated in the traditional hunger walk that covered 15 kilometers. This was the 40 Hunger Walk and brought in the highest amount



since it began. This action supports different projects worldwide - India, Philippines, Nicaragua, Peru, Kenya Rwanda, Congo, Benin, Egypt, Haiti, Senegal and Togo.

The coordinator of the Hunger Walk said: "A little effort makes a world a difference. Our students went from door to door and spoke to their friends, neighbors and families to support our 15 projects. They organized different programs, such as selling fruit, waffles and newspapers, and had a simple meal themselves to support the projects".

Sint-Jan-Berchmansinstituut is the fusion of St. Angela Institute with Sint- Jan-Berchmanscollege. In 1975, it was decided to combine the neighboring school with St. Angela Institute and introduced co-education. In 1995, the fusion of Saint Angela with Sint-Jan-Berchmanscollege took place and became Sjabi while the Ursuline Sisters of Puurs were still active in the school.

The Ursuline Sisters and the school have helped the mission in India through Sister Elizabeth Lemmens- a Belgian Missionary in India. Even though the Ursuline Sisters are no longer in the school, the missionary spirit has been carried on in the school by continual support of the Ursulines in India and other countries. A part of the Hunger Walk goes to India every year.

Thanks to the Ursuline Sisters for sowing the seeds of a missionary spirit in the heart of the Sjabi.

-Source: Gazet van Antwerpen, Patrick Poppe, April 6, 2015 (Adapted)

Tezpur Province

Our Sisters are fine following the earthquake in Nepal, despite some aftershocks even though the earthquake was far away. India has done a lot to assist their neighbor, Nepal. The Army medical teams as well as the Indian armed forces have provided logistical support.

U.S Province

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, Ave Maria Catholic Academy and Our Lady of Grace Parish held a Consecrated Life Vocations Fair. The focal point was a large "Post It Prayer" Cross which contained a prayer from students and hundreds of parishioners. For the event they announced the establishment of **the Ursuline Award** in honor of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk who staffed Our Lady of Grace School for 75 years. The award includes a monetary gift and will be given to a graduating student who embodies the Ursuline's charism of service.



UN News: On Oct. 24, the United Nations will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its founding in 1945, formed following the conclusion of one of the darkest chapters in global history.

Development, peace and human rights are the three pillars of the UN. This three-pronged approach adds to the U.N. report "The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet."

The aim of the report is to review the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) -- which will expire this year -- and to look ahead to the post-2015 agenda.

The coming year will see the search begin for Ban Ki Moon's successor, as the secretary-general's term will conclude in 2016. The search process will be conducted in an open and transparent manner.

July 30 is the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, This resolution declared that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights." Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims.

We encourage prayer and action on this day to expose traffickers, safeguard vulnerable children, women and men, and protect the victims - people who have been pressed into servitude, and often exposed to abuse. Do what you can...

Ranchi Province

Last month our novices went to different villages for their apostolic experience. People were very happy and appreciated their work in those places. Sisters Smita, Ritu, Carmela, Sushila and Magdali visited Kanke Parish. They stayed two by two in different houses and visited the





whole village. Sisters Sunita, Urmila, Angela and Shama went to Konka Sirom Toli in Ranchi Parish. They could stay together in one house, visited almost fifty families and started the seven step method of Gospel sharing in one unit. People were very much impressed but the novices were more edified when the liquor shop of the village was closed after throwing the left over bottle of liquor into the gutter in their presence and people promised not to drink any more. They were touched deeply when one advocate listened to their advice and began to go to church, to sit in his office in the court and work in a normal way. He was disappointed in life because his wife has abandoned him. Another young boy who was very sad, he was neither talking neither listening to any one was encouraged by them and started behaving in a normal way. These experiences deepened their faith and increased their joy in living for the Lord alone.

Ursuline Novitiate, Ranchi.

