

Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk



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Generalate News



Sr. Louise Vertommen, Sr. Pia Van Roosendael joined in singing "We three Kings."

Sisters from the Leadership team joined the Sisters living in Floordam for a celebration of the three Kings on January 8th. The Sisters living there were surrounded by family and friends who came for the New Year Reception. All enjoyed the singing and delicious homemade desserts.

Our Belgian Sisters are fortunate to have their own section of Floordam, a residential care centre for elderly men and women in Melsbroek. Residents live in family-like groups of up to fourteen

people who share kitchen, dining and living room facilities. Floordam wants to offer its residents a comfortable environment that involves them in everyday life. There are fourteen Sisters living there at present. Sisters Celestina Lakra, Angela Guria and Bimla Nag, are devoted to the needs of the Sisters in Floordam.



Sr. Ursule De Cat, Sr. Benigna Van Uytven and Sr. Ursula Vinkx enjoy their visitors.

Ambikapur Province Candidates become Postulants

After Christmas twelve candidates are back to Angela Niwas to continue their religious life. The entrance of the Postulants took place on January 7. We wish them firm perseverance in their vocation.

Ranchi Province Entrance of the Postulants



On January 11 we were blessed to have nineteen young and generous women entering as postulants at Formation House, Khunti. The whole ceremony was presided over by the Provincial, Sr. Suchita Shalini Xalxo. Sr. Dorothea Kullu gave a beautiful reflection on the theme. "Remain in my

Love" and the Gospel reading according to St. John, 15:1-8. After the prayer of self consecration to the Lord, each postulant was given the books of St. Angela and Fr. John Lambertz. They were also given a cross with chain which is a sign of belongingness to Jesus.

After the ceremony, they were escorted to the dining hall. They were given a warm welcome followed by delicious lunch. We praise God for their fiat to enter into this journey of discernment and accompany them through our prayer.

Sr. Matilda Dungdung

Training on Herbal medicine

We, the health team with the support of Catholic Charities organized a training of five days on herbal medicines. Forty participants attended the training. It was intended as a capacity building work shop as well as public education and information that would assure their faith in herbal medicines.



We collected almost all the plants that are available and used all over India, either as food or medicine or both. During the training participants had to identify the medicinal plants and sharing of their knowledge and practical classes to make medicines, like oils and ointments for pain and wounds, syrup and tonics, pills for

malaria, jaundice, and diarrhea. Each plant has been described briefly, enlisting its medicinal use and providing guidelines about its administration. After the theory and practical, each one received a certificate.

Sr. Louisa Joseph

US Province

Open house at St. Ursula Center

The U.S. Province hosted an open house at St. Ursula Center in Blue Point, NY on Sunday, December 3rd. This "Celebration of Our Life in Blue Point" was a final opportunity for many of our family, friends, neighbors and volunteers to spend time at the center before the property is sold. All of our guests got to meet with the Sisters, tour St. Ursula Center and its grounds, and revisit the place where they've enjoyed many special events and retreats. It was a wonderful afternoon.



Sisters Marguerite Torre and Mary Joan of Arc looking at the original Blue Point Convent.



Sisters Bridget Olwell, Geraldine Conklin and Lisa Bergeron greeting visitors.

Sr. Joanne Callahan

UN News

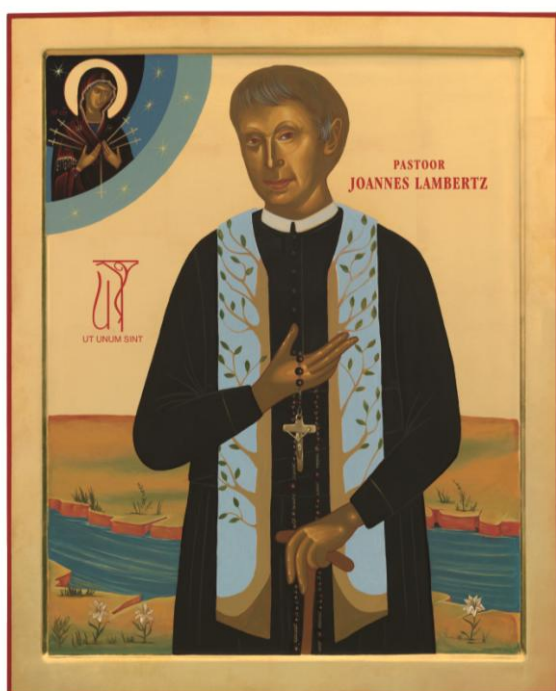
The **NGO Mining Working Group (MWG)** is a coalition of NGOs that, in partnership with our affected local communities, advocates at the United Nations for human and environmental rights as related to extractive industries. The MWG addresses unjust and unsustainable extractive practices and policies through the lens of the rights of local communities and indigenous peoples.

International Mother Language Day -February 21 Promoting cultural diversity and multilingualism.

International Mother Language Day was first announced by UNESCO in 1999. Due to globalization processes, languages are increasingly under threat, or disappearing altogether. When languages fade, so does the world's rich tapestry of cultural diversity. Opportunities, traditions, memory, unique modes of thinking and expression – valuable resources for ensuring a better future – are also lost.

International Mother Language Day supports "Quality Education" Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): "Ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.

An example of how language needs of students must be met is illustrated in Danbury High School, the largest high school in the state of Connecticut. Many of the students come from homes in which English is not the dominant spoken language. Therefore, the school offers a wide variety of ESL (English as a Second Language) programs in many different subject areas. Walking through the halls of the school, it is possible to hear over 50 different languages and associated dialects being spoken by the students. The school's culture and classes are definitely enriched by the diverse student population and the experiences they bring to their education.



1785-1869

We remember in gratitude the day our founder, Jean Corneille Martin Lambertz was born and baptized in Hoogstraten on February 8, 1785.

His call to mission is still meaningful to us:
"Go with zeal to work in the vineyard of the Lord."