



Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk

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From the General Leadership:

International Earth Day April 22

A Day to Celebrate Earth: Earth Day is an annual day on which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Earth Day is observed on April 22 each year. The April 22 date was designated as [International Mother Earth Day](#) by a consensus resolution adopted by the [United Nations](#) in 2009. Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the [Earth Day Network](#), and is celebrated in more than 192 countries every year.

Earth Day helps celebrate Earth's unique place in the universe. It is the only planet in our [solar system](#) teeming with incredible [biodiversity](#). Learning about and protecting this Earth Day is all about. People all over the world celebrate our [plants](#) and [animals](#) and we live in. Earth Day celebrations provide a chance to remember what an amazing planet we live on.



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It was envisaged to promote the idea of ecology, to encourage respect for life on Earth, and highlight growing concerns about different kinds of pollution.

Earth Day reminds us we all share the same planet. Sharing Earth means taking responsibility for what we use and how we use it. It is a day to think of the environmental challenges we face and how to solve them. Protecting Earth is every person's and every country's responsibility.

From Ranchi Province:

Updates of Guyana -

After the visitation of Sr. Margaret O'Brien and Sr. Eve Justina Romould to Guyana, Sr. Lucy Minj came back to India, Ranchi Province. She completed successfully seven years of fruitful mission in Guyana. She was one of the six pioneering Sisters who left for Guyana in 2005.

And now, Sr. Mukti Barwa, from Ranchi Province and Sr. Bernadine Kiro, from Ambikapur Province availed themselves to continue the work started by our pioneers. Both of them reached Guyana on 11th April, 2013 and are waiting in Georgetown to get their "Work-Visa". They had an opportunity to visit our Sisters in USA, Provinciate, New-York and Blue-Point Convent, as they had transit visa for United States. We wish them happy stay and fruitful ministry in Guyana.

Sr. Divya Gulab Sanai and Sr. Seraphina Kerketta have planned to come for home - visit in the month of May. They are still busy with their US visa processing. Therefore dates of their coming are still unknown.

When Srs. Divya and Seraphina return back to Guyana in August, one more Sister from Gumla Province, who has volunteered to be a missionary for Guyana will join them. "The work of God!" No one can stop. Let us remember all our Sisters and other missionaries in our prayers. Sr. Eve Justina Romould.

From United States Province:

Sister Bridget Olwell, OSU Inducted into Saint Margaret School Hall of Fame

Sister Bridget Olwell, OSU was inducted into the St. Margaret School Hall of Fame on Thursday, April 11, 2013. The ceremony took place at Giando Restaurant on the Water in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Philip Franco, Principal of St. Margaret School, Middle Village, New York, welcomed the crowd of over 150 attendees and introduced the honorees.

Sister Bridget served for 14 years as Principal to the students of St. Margaret School. As Dr. Franco stated in his welcome, "*Sister Bridget is a shining example of all that St. Margaret School has been over the years. She embodies the warmth and welcome that is our community and remains very much a part of our parish today.*" Many parents of former students, as well as friends, parishioners, and Ursuline Sisters attended the dinner to thank Sr. Bridget for all she has given to the families of the school over her many years as Principal. Her presence at St. Margaret's continues to be a sign of her 'motto': "**God is so good!**"

The Most Reverend Peter Libasci, Bishop of New Hampshire, who was a student at St. Margaret School, was also honored. Monsignor Steven Aggugia, Pastor of St. Margaret Parish, gave the closing prayer and blessing. An evening of fine food and music was enjoyed by all!

CONGRATULATIONS, Sister Bridget!

Sister Edith Menegus, OSU, Speaker at St. Charles Hospital Conference

Sister Edith Menegus, OSU, is the Director of Pastoral Care at St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, Long Island, New York. She also serves as the chaplain on the palliative care team.

Edith was one of the speakers at a professional conference sponsored by St. Charles Hospital. The conference, entitled "**The Power of Palliative Care: *Beyond the Diagnosis***", was held on April 12, 2013. It highlighted the multifaceted issues in Palliative Care.

Sister Edith offered a presentation on ***Spiritual Pain: The Impact of Unfulfilled Spiritual Needs on the Healing Process***. Other speakers included Staff from Calvary Hospital, Catholic Health Services, and several of Edith's colleagues at St. Charles whom she enjoys working with on a daily basis.

Congratulations, Edith! Thank you for sharing your presence and your expertise with the over 100 doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, psychologists and other healthcare professionals in attendance at the conference.