

We pray with the Institute

We rejoice with the Mauritian Province and give thanks for the Final Profession of **Genevieve Maigrot**. May she continue cherishing God's vocation in her. (8th Dec. in *Curepipe*)

For our CI sisters **Anna Quinterio**, (Italian Province) and **Mónica Arévalo** (Chilean Province) as they prepare for a new foundation in Cienfuegos, Cuba, before Christmas.

As we commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Vatican II, we pray that the following of Christ, as put before us in the Gospel, (the final norm of religious life), may be deepened within us.

(P.C. 2(a) *Vatican II: 8th Dec. 1965*)

For all our Sisters who will spend Christmas away from their home Provinces. May they feel the support of our love and prayers at this special time of celebration.

One Small Voice

At Christmas we celebrate God's love for us and Mary's "yes" to God.

Mary's part in the incarnation, the mystery of God becoming a human person is only two lines in Luke's account of the birth of Jesus: "*They were in Bethlehem when the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son*". She delivers her child away from home and relatives, away from security and familiarity.

Strange things begin to occur. The birth does not go unnoticed. The small family is visited by the poor shepherds who come looking for the Messiah.

May we, like Mary, celebrate and rejoice in God's love for each one of us, and continue to say "yes" to God in our daily lives.

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We pray with the Church and the world

For the millions of people affected with AIDS, especially children. May governments, churches and organizations work together to find solutions to mitigate the impact of this disease in so many families. (1st Dec: *International AIDS Day*)

For the 130,000,000 migrants all over the world, especially for those who arrive in our countries. May we accept, support and accompany them in their search for a better life.

(18th Dec: *International Migrants' Day*)

For our Jewish sisters and brothers as they celebrate the feast of Hanukkah. May it be a time for them of joy, hope and peace. (26th Dec: *Hanukkah—Festival of Lights*)

For all who have lost loved ones in recent months. May they know our concern and support in their loss this Christmas.