## GREETINGS DEAR FRIENDS,

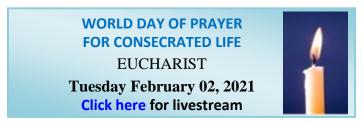


This year as we prepare to celebrate WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE, we are acutely and painfully aware not only of how the pandemic has taken hold of our lives, but also of how our world is scarred by poverty, injustice, inequities and disrespect for our earth. With its Gospel values of community, inclusivity, justice for all and commitment to the dignity and potential of every human being, the witness of religious life in and to this wounded world is more important that ever. It is in this spirit, on February 02, we will give thanks to God for how the witness of religious life and the ministry of Becoming Neighbours are so intertwined.

Daily, our commitment is strengthened by the many refugees and by the ongoing supportive presence of each one of you: our companions, prayer partners, associates and friends who participate in extending this ministry into new circles and new contexts.

As in the past, we are pleased to share with you the attached Prayer Service "WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE"

As well, a gentle reminder:



"... For there is always light, If only we're brave enough to see it, If only we're brave enough TO BE IT." (Amanda Gorman, US Youth Poet Laureate)

TOGETHER WITH YOU ON THE JOURNEY,

Peter McKenna, SCJ