

'Spend Yourselfes for the Poor'

Preparation for reflecting on SDG1 in your community: Those who facilitate this reflection are requested to invite the community members to come prepared having read through the founding stories of your community from the annals. You may wish to invite the Presentation Lay Movement/others to join you for this reflection. Please feel free to be creative in facilitating this reflection for your community context. You may also simplify it and use it in various forum like schools, women's groups and the Presentation Lay Movement Groups.

Sacred Space

Create the Sacred Space with the words of Nano '*Spend yourselves for the poor*'; Nano's Picture/Lantern; Constitutions; Directions and Calls from CG 2012; IPA Direction Statement.

Grounding

'**Spend yourselves for the poor**' were the words of Venerable Nano Nagle to us as she was entering into a life of mystery. To begin this time of reflection, invite everyone to sit in a circle and to get in touch deep within to hear these words of Nano echoed in today's context? Would Nano be saying, '**Spend yourselves for the people and earth made poor**'?

Reading

Feel free to choose any of the following readings or any other:

- ☆ an excerpt from the 'Origin and History of the Congregation' from our Constitutions
- ☆ Our Way of Life C9
- ☆ an excerpt Laudato Si: 48 – 52

Sharing

- ⌘ listen to the founding stories of your community from one another
- ⌘ have a conversation around
 - ❖ various forms of poverty that are existing in your neighbourhood
 - ❖ your community's communal responses that reflects our Constitutional calls



Stillness time

During this time of contemplation, hold the sacredness of the lived legacy of your community and as the Congregation over 240 years.

Reflecting together toward communal response

The world leaders from 193 member states of the United Nations, from both the developed and the developing countries, are determined to take the bold and transformative steps to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path in the next 15 years. Towards this end, the first of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is their pledge to ...

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

In order to achieve this goal by 2030, world leaders hope to journey on a path that will...

- ☞ leave no one behind in the extreme poverty of living on less than \$1.25 a day
- ☞ reduce to at least 50% of humanity living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions
- ☞ Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including social protection floors ...
- ☞ ensure equal rights for all, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, to economic resources, as well as access to basic services ...
- ☞ build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events ...

What is stirring within you as you listen to the pledge and hopes of the world leaders to end poverty in all its forms by 2030?



Suggestions for possible community response ...

1. consider forming or joining a group locally including Sisters, Presentation Lay Movement, Co-workers, Students, Youth and Others and invite them to ...
 - ☞ become informed of your country's national plan on SDGs
 - ☞ study your national social protection systems including social protection floors
 - ☞ encourage teachers and students to undertake projects on the national plan on SDGs
 - ☞ invite your Local Government/Authorities to hear about their involvement in the implementation of your country's national plan of actions on SDGs
 - ☞ agree on regular meetings with the group for updates and for furthering your community's collaboration
 - ☞ join in conversations with other local organisations, both religious and non-governmental, for collective communal actions locally on one or two SDGs

OR

Invite your Justice Contacts/Commission to help you with the above

Closing Ritual

As a symbolic gesture of community's ongoing commitment to this global process on SDGs during the next 15 years, form a circle, place your right palm on the left palm of your neighbour and pray for blessings in silence to continue the collaborative efforts. Celebrate in a culturally friendly way – a cup of tea!!!