

RNDM Reflections -



2nd Sunday of Lent: 28 February, 2021

SOLIDARITY ↔ TRANSFORMATION



A Journey of the Heart.....

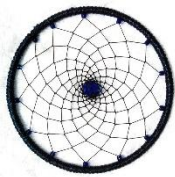
Invitation to Read: Genesis: 22: 1-2,9-13.15-18
Gospel: Mark: 9: 2-10

Both in Abram and Jesus, we have two hearts completely turning, surrendering themselves toward God. Abram, in this moment, becomes fully free in his surrender to what God is asking of him. Jesus too, though sharing in our humanity, is transformed into the vision of Glory, a glimpse of the vision of resurrection.

In our time, we are called into solidarity - “a moral virtue and social attitude born of personal conversion.” [pg 12, Tui Motu, Feb 2021] Solidarity calls us to the beyond of our own humanity, to stand together, belonging as “one breath, one body, one spirit....”[Sarah Tompsen songline], and in this solidarity, encounters will lead to transformation; to the more of the vision we long for.....

Lent invites us to enter into a transformation of ourselves. Solidarity and encounter with diversity opens us to change, to see differently, to see with the heart, that in dying we can truly live.

Invitation to reflect:



“Divine Love is the heart of our evolutionary universe, and this love is a constant birthing. Our challenge today is to trust the power of love at the heart of life, to let ourselves be seized by love,..... we can change, grow and become something new.” [Itia Delio - *The Unbelievable Wholeness of Being*]

ONENESS 4 MISSION: [General Chapter 2020]

“We, therefore, commit ourselves to the authentic living of our charism in our world today. Fired by the passion and zeal of Euphrasie Barbier, our international missionary identity impels us to live interculturally as witnesses to God’s universal love. As contemplative women, we welcome and participate in the Divine Missions, flowing out into all creation.....

Transformation and radical action are needed in every sphere of our life.” [pg 4]





Invitation to Pray:

*In the name of God who shares divinity with us,
In the name of God who shares humanity with us,
In the name of God who unsettles and inspires us, Amen.*

With Mary we pray.....[RNDM Const.41]

May Mary of the Visitation inspire us to find God in our daily encounters and challenge us to respond with generosity and love, to the sufferings, joys and hopes of our world.

Loving God hear us.....

May Mary of Pentecost invite us to be attentive to the transforming power of the Spirit, and go out filled with zeal to continue the mission of God's love.

Loving God hear us.....

SING: Love is the fire that consumes, Zeal is the flame that sets love alight.
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[repeat]

Psalm 90: [Nan Merrill - An Invitation to Wholeness]

Eternal and Immortal One, you have been our refuge in all generations.
Before the mountains were bought forth, before you had formed the Earth,
You are the Alpha and the Omega.

You gather those who love you, as friends returning from a long journey,
Giving rest to their souls.
You anoint them with the balm of understanding, healing wounds of the past.

Awaken us O Holy One! Too long have we been asleep.
Have mercy on your people, help us to wait in silence - listening for your Word,
Strengthen us with courage to face the fears within. O that we might be converted
in our hearts and walk together in harmony.

Glory to you Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever - Amen.



Invitation to bless

We bless each other in our search for transformation:

We are called to fast from being strong.....

Resp: And always trying to hold it all together, and instead embrace the profound grace that comes through vulnerability and tenderness, to all a great softening this season.

We are called to fast from anxiety.....

Resp: And the endless torrent of thoughts which rise up in our minds to paralyze us with fear of the future, and enter into radical trust in the abundance at the heart of things.

We are called to fast from multitasking.....

Resp: And the destructive energy of inattentiveness to any one thing, but practise a beholding of each thing, each person and each moment.

We are called to fast from endless list-making.....

Resp: And enter into the quiet and listen for what is ripening and unfolding to what is ready to be born.

We are called to fast from certainty.....

Resp: And then perhaps we can arrive at Easter and realize these things I have fasted from may help me experience a different kind of rising this Easter.

Concluding prayer: [Trish Watts - A New Heart for a New World]

*Create a new heart, O God,
Beckon our lives through your Word.
Open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.*



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