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### NOTICIERO - JUNIO - 2021

Dear Sisters,

In June, on the Feast of the Universal Catholic Church, we celebrated the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. We received from our Archbishop Carlos Castillo, Pope Francis' invitation, and because we are listening to the cry of our people, we CSJs in Peru are responding to this invitation from the Pope, by preparing for the Ecclesial Assembly which is to come in November, 2021.

Participating with the Peruvian Conference of Religious (CONFER) we are using the materials from the Ecclesial Assembly which are helping us to listen, dialog, discuss, and discover God's will for our people. And especially to share with others these important topics and be able to encourage them to pray, reflect and join us in this important work of caring for our common home.

We continue to respond to this call with love and generous service.

With love,

Gloria, Zaida and Maritza.

## A VISIT TO MAURICIA

As part of our bi-annual visitation, Zaida and Maritza visited Mauricia on June 16th in the Huancho Community of Huancane in Puno. Gloria shared in the visit virtually from Lima.

We have enjoyed our visit with Mauricia, her sister, Maria and her nephew's family. We are grateful for their welcome to us and for the opportunity it gave us to see and share a little bit in Mauricia's reality. Thank God they are all well and both she and her sister have received the two shots so that they are protected. We include some photos.



The road to the Community of Cucho Chacamarca, Huancho, Huancané, Puno.





Preparing a watia (baked potatoes) for lunch

meeting of Mauricia and Zaida



Mauricia, her older sister, Maria, and the house where they live.



Mauricia's family and Zaida



Zaida, Mauricia and Maritza



The Ecological team who made the signs, the Care of the environment René, Mauricia's nephew with his wife and daughters.

## VICE PROVINCIAL HOUSE SAN JOSÉ (JESÚS MARÍA, LIMA)

"Jesus said: When you are clothed with my strength and you recieve the breath of my Father, that is to say, the Paraclite, and when you are sent to preach the Gospel, preach also about my dear father, Joseph". (Leonardo Boff)

\* United in the contemplative spirit of St. Josph, we continue to share what helps us continue on the journey with love and gratitude to God our Father.



\*We enjoyed Sister Maria Elena's visit with us at the beginning of June.



- \* Maritza went to Puno to visit with Mauricia who is accompanying and caring for her sister María. We had the opportunity to greet her vía WhatsApp and to see her after a long time.
- \* Gloria went to Zaña and enjoyed her visit with her sister, Flor. Her service to the Vice Province warrants that she take time to renew her energies.
- \*These days, we are very attentive to the electoral process because we never imagined ever coming to this situation like this, which is causing uncertainty, violence and polarization among the people. In our community prayers, we are praying especially for an atmosphere of peace and mutual respect.
- \* Robertina has just received her first vaccination. We are happy because the process of distributing the vaccinations is being carried out orderly and effectively.
- \* As a community, for our Recreation Day, we went to the Parque de las Leyendas. We enjoyed being together and visiting some animals and other attractions.







\* We finished our "Scheduled blackouts", one hour without electricity to remind us to care for our planet. This time we enjoyed our time together, remembering and sing old songs.

\*We continue to participate in the activities suggested by our Congregation, CONFER and others for spiritual and civic formation and we enjoyed a series on Saturdays on Political Leadership, which is a Seminar focused on the construction of a country that is more inclusive and works for the common good.

## EL GRAN AMOR DE DIOS COMMUNITY (CANTO CHICO, LIMA)

#### DINAMICS OF FRATERNITY IN THE PERIFERY OF SOCIETY

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart celebrated another anniversary commemorating their presence here in Peru and their commitment to the school Fe y Alegría #32. Our Sister Mary Luz loves her work there as the religion teacher and took charge of the celebration. Thank you, Mary Luz for being a teacher and for your Beautiful dedication.



Sister Mary Luz, CSJ directing the prayer

#### THERE ARE NO BARRIORS IF YOU WANT TO LEARN!





Sister Anne takes advantage of every opportunity to teach the children how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide, so when they come to our house asking to play games or if there is some candy for them that day, she puts them through the paces of learning their mathematical operations.

### SOLIDARITY AND COMMITMENT IN THIS TIME WITHOUT TIME

Pope Francis has said, "The best way to overcome this crisis is to do it together in solidarity". That's why we continue to support "FOOD for All" by promoting the "Ollas Comunes" (Soup Kitchens) and by helping other families in need.

The majority of the members of the "Ollas Comunes" are unemployed persons or have sporadic work. The families who receive food for their families, have different realities: some are unemployed, others have lost a member of their family, (father), others are recuperating from COVID-19, etc. So, as CSJs we have the possibility of continuing to help them, thanks to the institutions: Food Bank, Desierto Florido, our CSJ Congregation, friends of the sisters, Sacramentino priests and Fr. Carlés.

Our Sisters Anne, Yoli and Mary Luz receive the products, then classify and then distribute them to the families who need this help. This is a job that demands energy and effort, time and dedication, but the gratitude and joy of the families is our recompense.

Inthe following photos, Sichi and Hugo, members of the Prison Ministry, and Sister Mary Luz receiving the donations.







Women members of the olla común "Las luchadoras" (I4) carrying the food to cook



¡Women preparing food and delivering it.

# CSJ-WOMEN LEAVING TO MEET NEW INCOUNTERS.

"La Rinconada" is an area in the highest reaches of canto Chico. It is inhospitable and very poor and forgotten but it's teaming with life and energy. Here, in the hidden, one needs to scale and scratch the sides of the hill to go up there and sit down, to descend. Water and sewerage do not exist but here, there is life and hope.



We visited and got to know this place, thanks to Luz, an enterprising young woman who is a dreamer and has high hopes that she will see her barrio blossom. (photo)

Rinconada has aproximately 12 families living there. These families have organized themselves to construct their walls, install their system for water, sewerage and, electricity and even prepared green areas for their parks, without the help of the government, neither local nor national. To help pay for their projects, they raffled a duck. The results were very interesting!



Together with our friend, Fanny Cárdenas we CSJs are accompanying them in the process of recycling and composting so as to attain their Green Areas



"Rinconada families withour Sisters Yoli and Anne

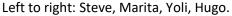
#### LIVE WITH DIGNITY

## Planning, expecting, sharing, dreaming and remembering in the reunion

Jesus approached the woman, sat down, asked her for water to drink and allowed himself to be transformed by her. Thus, the extreme poverty of some families in our neighborhood challenges us and pushes us to draw closer. This time, the challenge is how to arrange help so that Marita can have a decent space and live in more humane conditions. Marita is a woman not only economically impoverished to an extreme degree, but she also suffers from serious physical injuries and mental challenges. Physically, she fell and broke her hand. As a result of poor care, her fingers are immobile. In addition, one of her children has a severe mental disorder and her other 20-year-old son is also physically ill.

This reality motivated Sisters Anne and Yoli, in coordination with Christian Brothers Hugo Cáceres and Steve Casey, to see the possibility of arranging for a prefabricated house for Marita and her children. Thanks to the generosity of the Christian Brothers, and especially Brother Steve Casey, it seems that it will come true and in the future we hope that Marita will have a home with water, sewer and electricity.





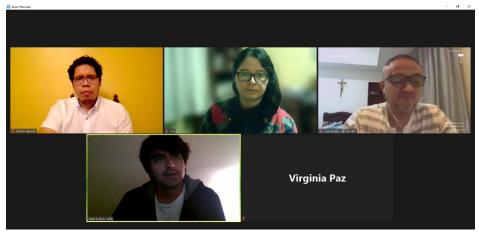


Left to right: Anne, Steve y Hugo.

## WELCOMING AND CREATING IN DIVERSITY

The diversity ministry is made up of LGBTIQ + people. These communities are found in various countries. In Peru, this pastoral ministry is being developed as a ministry of the Peruvian Episcopate. As a coordinating group and those responsible for the process, we meet to plan and look for spaces that welcome this community with respect and recognition.





Sr. Yoli, csj as part of the coordination and accompaniment group

Next, in a political analysis and social and pastoral commitment with the PADIS-Peru group, in company with Congressman Daniel Olivares.



PERU, A COUNTRY OF DIVERSITY

Like every year, June 20 is the day of the migrant and refugee. This year, despite the pandemic, the various humanitarian organizations and religious congregations united to give thanks to God for the experiences lived together with our brothers and sisters in migrant situations.

A series of virtual activities were planned: Thanksgiving Mass, and activities including drawing and painting. As religious congregations that work with this population, we

reflect and share on WHAT MOTIVATES US TO ACCOMPANY and dedicate time to support them in a variety of ways.



Coordinators of the Human Rights and Migrants Commission: Sr. Patricia, Sr. Yoli CSJ, Luis (Scalabrini), Sr. Warbler, Sr. Elvira and Sr. Mercedes Father

## TIMES OF POSSIBILITIES AND OF LEADING:

### OUR VOICE IS FUNDAMENTAL!

Representatives of the various CONFER Commissions have been meeting and preparing to promote participation and dialogue in the listening process for the 1st Ecclesial Assembly of Latin America and the Caribbean. This event, an expression of inclusion, aspires to have a broad participation of all people / People of God. In this commission our sister Yoli has also been contributing her commitment and dedication to support the process.



Photo: CONFER committee responsible for carrying out the Listening Process for the Ecclesial Assembly on Saturday, July 3.

NEW GENERATIONS (NNGG): A VOICE IN THE PROCESS

As a group of CLAR (Latin American Conference of Religious), New Generations worked together to put our ideas in the listening process for the ECCLESIAL ASSEMBLY. Our Sr. Yoli participated as a representative of NNGG Peru. These themes emerged:

NG: New technologies, their great contributions and their risks.

NG: The call towards an integral ecology.

NG: Faced with intergenerationality, interculturality and intercongregationality.

Some of the NNGG participants; They fill us with joy and hope!





As a community we also continue to join some celebrations with our sisters in the United States. In June, we accompanied our sister Kristina DeNeve in the celebration of her first vows.



#### BEAUTIFUL STORIES AND REUNITED AGAIN 33 YEARS LATER

Brother Steve Casey came to our home in Canto Chico to find out where and how our neighbor Marita lives and to see the possibility of helping her rebuild her home. At the end of the process of walking, talking, etc., the question arose between Br. Steve and Anne. Do we know each other? Steve said, "I studied with Sister Maureen Doherty CSJ at St. Michael's University and I also visited her home in Los Angeles." That was enough to reconnect Steve and Anne because Anne lived in the same house with Sr. Maureen. Anne at that time was a CSJ novice and Steve remembered Anne because she looks like his sister-in-law. They rejoiced in this remembrance, and it only took 33 years to meet again in Canto Chico. Both are still young and with a lot of generosity, energy and love to give to those they meet along the way.



Anne dear! We are glad that you are reunited with your friends

## TRINITARIA COMMUNITY (TACNA)

The Trinitarian community is carrying out our daily activities with dedication, enthusiasm and with the hope of one day coming out of this time of pandemic that is affecting many families. As a community we continue to be attentive to notice and respond in various ways to the needs of the poorest in our surrounding area. From June 7 to 14, a solidarity activity was held at the Fe y Alegría 40 school to help a father and his two daughters, 4th and 5th year high school students, who were seriously affected by COVID-19. Thanks to the initiative and generosity of the educational community, a quantity of money and some supplies were raised to collaborate with the families of these two students.

Likewise, we rejoice and thank God for those generous people who seek to collaborate with the neediest students of Fe y Alegría 40. One of these people is José, a very generous person who surprises us with his donation each month to pay for the cell phone recharging of the poorest students. Thanks to these grants and the donation of laptops from our Sister Chris Pologa from St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, students with fewer resources are accessing virtual classes and doing their school activities



Prof. Raúl receiving technological advice for the use of the donated laptop

Also, in the community we seek to create spaces to strengthen our Spirit and live the calls of the Congregational Chapter through prayer, community life and ministry. During this time we have committed ourselves to deepen in prayer and put into practice the message of the Encyclical My Dear Amazon, and at the same time we are sharing the message of the document with the people with whom we work.

Likewise, on June 15, Zaida traveled to Puno with Maritza to visit our sister Mauricia. As a community we accompany each other with prayer and we have constant

communication and sharing from the heart with Mauricia who connects from Huancané to share her life experiences. Each of these encounters are very enriching and deep and help us to dream and live with hope.

We ended the month celebrating the gift of life of our sister Agripina (Pina). What a joy to share her life among us and our dear neighbor from Tacna.



## COMMUNITY FONTBONNE (CARAPONGO)



Sacred Heart of Jesus Church celebrated its anniversary and had two processions in different areas of the Parish. Promise Fulfilled! They carried the Image of the Sacred Heart in their truck, pouring out many blessings to the families. The fervor of the people was seen and lived.



June 27 was the central day. Mass was held and then the procession left Urb. San Antonio, where we live. The streets were decorated to receive the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Also, they broadcast it on Facebook, so that everyone could accompany the procession.

## **Sharing Stories**



This is the story of Ms. Yomira. She is the mother of a family and a wife. Before the pandemic, she worked as an educational assistant in a private school. Her husband is a bricklayer. They have an 8-year-old son, whom she supports with her virtual classes. The family takes care of a house. She participates in the common pot in the AA.HH. The Paradise.

Her dream is to have her own business. She did the market research. She decided to start selling food for pets and for other domestic animals. She has already been in this business for two months in the Central Market of Carapongo. Due to the demand, she has expanded her business to include pet toys, clothes, and beds for pets.





Another story is about 40-year-old Sonia who is a mother of two, a wife, an active member of her Mormon Church, and an entrepreneur. Sonia worked in a beauty salon. Ruth went to the beauty salon for a haircut and tells us: "When I entered the salon, I found someone else, so I asked about Sonia. She told me that Sonia passed away on Mother's Day from COVID. I was stunned, a deep silence and the memories flowed. She was a caring, just woman and supportive of other women in need".

Like this story, there are more stories because COVID continues to sicken and kill our families, friends, neighbors, etc. And, with this variant of the COVID Delta, it leaves us more vulnerable. Sonia, rest in peace! Friends, rest in peace! Neighbors rest in peace! Colleagues rest in peace!

## FRIENDS OF SAN JOSÉ



The Friends of San José met on June 5 to pray together for the second round of the elections. "Jesus and Saint Joseph, inspire us to continue opting for our dear neighbor."

Some lost family members due to COVID and cancer. Another member is recovering from risky surgery. And, with all this, faith is strengthened by prayer and shared reflections of God's word daily.

### UNITED IN PRAYER

- \* For the eternal rest of Keith, Margaret Murphy's older brother.
- \* For the eternal rest of Miriam, sister of Arita, an Amiga de San José.
- \* For all the families that are recovering from Covid-19.
- \* For political leaders so that agreements are reached that favor the common good.

We accompany with a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of life of our sisters and St. Joseph Family in the month of JULY 2021.



- 01 Ángela Pérez (FSJ Chile)
- 03 Luisa Montesinos (FSJ Chile)
- 06 Genoveva Herrera
- 07 Gladys de Maldonado (FSJ Chile)
- 14 Gladys (Laly) Leigh
- 23 Mónica Ibarra (FSJ Chile)
- 29 Mercedes (Menche) Rojas (FSJ Chile)
- 29 Inés Telles
- 31 María Elena

