

LIFE-LONG FORMATION TEAM

Due to her continuing recuperation from her illness Pierre has withdrawn from the Formation Team. We thank her very much for her willingness to serve the Province on this team and for her insightfulness and collaboration. We wish her a full recovery (she is on the way there!) in the near future.

We, as a Council, decided to expand the Formation Team to five members; Mary Gough and Mary Dunne have generously accepted to be members of the team.

In a recent communication from the General Council we were asked to appoint one person to be responsible for co-ordinating Life-long Formation in the Province and to be the person to communicate with the General and Provincial Councils, with the team and with others. We have appointed Margaret Lee to this position and we thank her for her generosity and readiness to serve the Province in this way at this time.

IMMIGRANTS IN IRELAND *Patsy Butler*

Recently the Irish Episcopal Conference requested the names of the Religious who are working/have contacts with immigrants on the island of Ireland. On making enquiries it transpired that many of our Sisters, especially in the Dublin area, have constant contact with immigrants. Among those involved are:



Maisie Hayden through her work with An Siol – a Dublin based project for immigrants.



Mary Mullins through Prison services: dealing with trafficked persons, persons with illegal passports and asylum seekers.



Clare O'Keefe through her parish work. Mulhuddart has the highest immigration population in Ireland. There are 47 different languages spoken in the local school.



Agnes Hunt through her work with ICPO (Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas) and contact with Kurdish families in the area.



Regina King through her Parish and Development work, with special contact with parents who have children in the parish crèche and through the language classes for adults.



Consilio O'Regan who has had contact with immigrants over a number of years and presently continue to support and encourage those families with whom she has links since they first entered the country.

It is a joy for us all to know that our Sisters are committed to such great work, answering the call of our Province and General Chapters to enter into the cultures and religious experience of others.

(Apologies to anyone who may have been unintentionally omitted; if there are any others involved, please let us know.)

We would be interested to hear of the experience of Sisters working with immigrants in the UK and France. Let us know so that we can share these in Exchange and have an overall picture in the Province.

G20 RALLY 28th MARCH *Barbara Bailey*



I accepted the invitation extended by CAFOD and other Christian organisations to begin our attendance of the rally with a time of prayer in Westminster Central Hall. I found this really inspiring and motivating to go out and get marching. Fr Joe Koma Koma (Zambia & CAFOD) reminded us that our demands and presence there that day were so that "that all may have life". We gradually filtered our way into the main march as it came through Parliament Square. There were organisations representing all aspects

of the "Jobs, Justice, Climate Change" theme. Every now and then I stood on the pavement watching the various groups and deciding who to march with. There were the Conventions of Pensioners, VSO, Traidcraft, Association of Disabled Workers, Progressio with its band of Peruvian musicians; so many among the 35,000 marchers. Once in a while tourists from the pavement would join us. Some people cheered or made the thumbs up sign. This was a way for all of us to be a "voice for the voiceless", locally or globally, for a few hours one spring morning before the leaders of the world begin their conversation.