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GOOD NEWS

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, celebrated not only the dedication and service of our Queen, but also much that is positive and good in our country today, and has been a respite from the uncertainties and difficulties of the present time. Emphasis has ben put on the many ways on which individuals, volunteers and groups serve to meet local and national needs, especially to those who are marginalised or in distress.

JUNE 1-9 IS VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

UNFREEZE

Pope Francis in speaking to the 560 heads of religious orders at their meeting in Rome spoke of the need for renewal ,for meeting the needs of a rapidly changing world. A renewal that is not frozen in time. A renewal that entails going back to study our roots and the charism of our founders.

Perhaps we all need to UNFREEZE and go forth with hope and enthusiasm.

With the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth ,there is a sense of a new era as the Queen has to hand over many of her public duties to others .

What changes are we in the throes of? And how are we called to unfreeze and walk into the ways of the future? With the faith, hope and love of Our Lord?

FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

PERSECUTION

An increasingly dysfunctional United Nations has voted to designate March 15th as an as International Day to combat Islamophobia. It ignores the fact that in more than 80 countries hundreds of Churches and Christian Communities around the world are being repeatedly targeted and persecuted .

ORGAN HARVESTING IN CHINA

There is evidence that Organ Harvesting of live donors, prisoners, marginalised groups and protestors is increasing, and compelling doctors to be executioners. The BMA and other countries' medical organisations are raising concern at this gross abuse of human rights.

CHILD POVERTY

A new piece of research on poverty shows that children as young as 7 years old are worried that they must get a "good job" when they grow up order to have enough money to live on, for the basic necessities of life

INEQUALITY

Life expectancy in the ward of Kensington where the Grenfell tower is situated is 72 years. A few streets away in South Kensington it's 94. There's equality for you (The Independent)

PAUSE FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

We have just celebrated Pentecost.

Let us take a few moments to pray that the Holy Spirit will pour out upon us gifts of wisdom and discernment, courage to speak up and peace in our own hearts as we work for justice and peace.

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