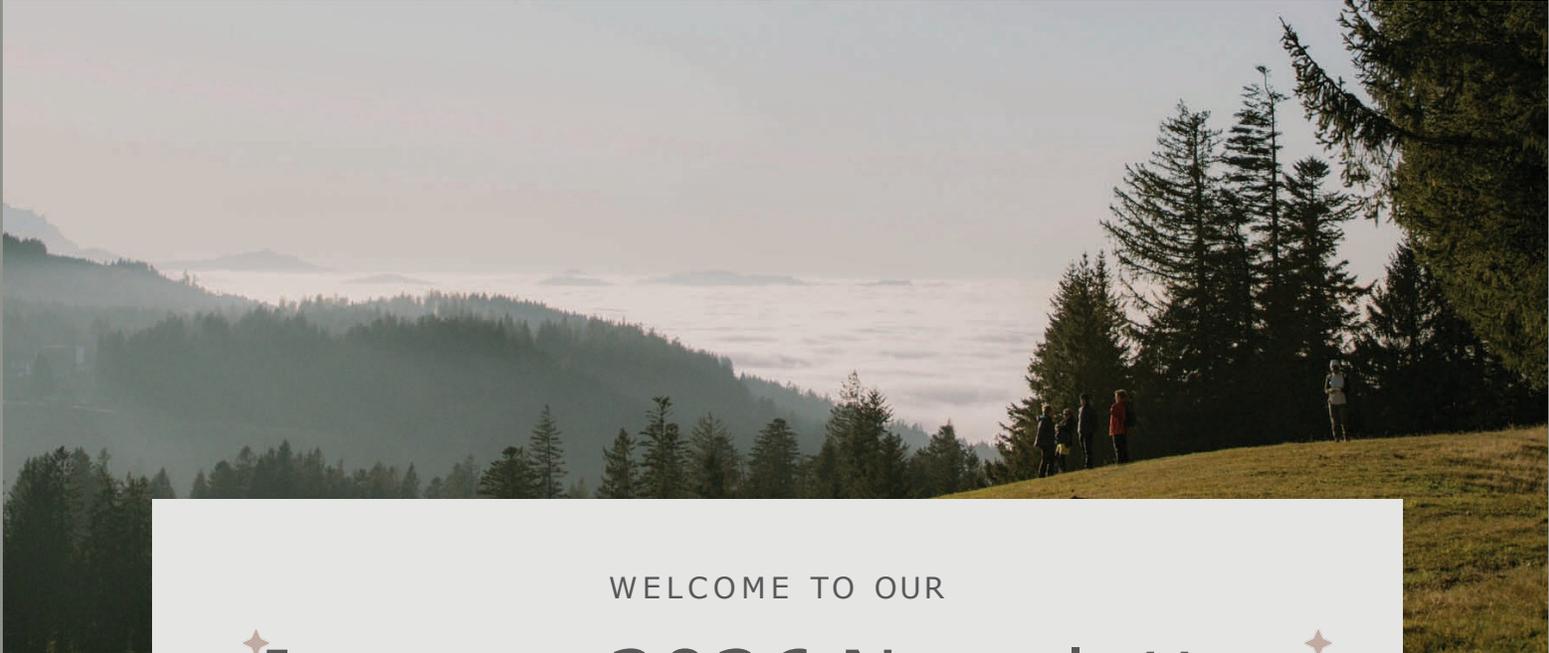


# CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY



WELCOME TO OUR

## January 2026 Newsletter

This January newsletter highlights the richness of our CLC life—from Advent reflections and Ignatian gatherings to regional retreats and global connections. We revisit the Advent lecture with Fr. Woo-Jung Kim, the Ignatian Pause on the Incarnation, and the Northwest CLC retreat rooted in hope. Ignis Ministries' Called to Shine series brought more than 90 participants together in prayer, music, and reflection. We celebrate the CLC Pittsburgh Cluster's ongoing support of St. Al's in Nairobi and share the Christmas Message from the CVX-CLC World Leadership Team, along with the unveiling of both the world and CLC-USA logos. Looking ahead, we invite members to serve as Meeting Leaders and Facilitators for the Lenten Spiritual Conversation Series as we continue deepening our shared mission of faith, discernment, and community.



In this newsletter you will find:

↓ **Regional, National, Frontier News, Events & Happenings**

# UPCOMING

## *Events*



### *Globalization & Poverty Team*

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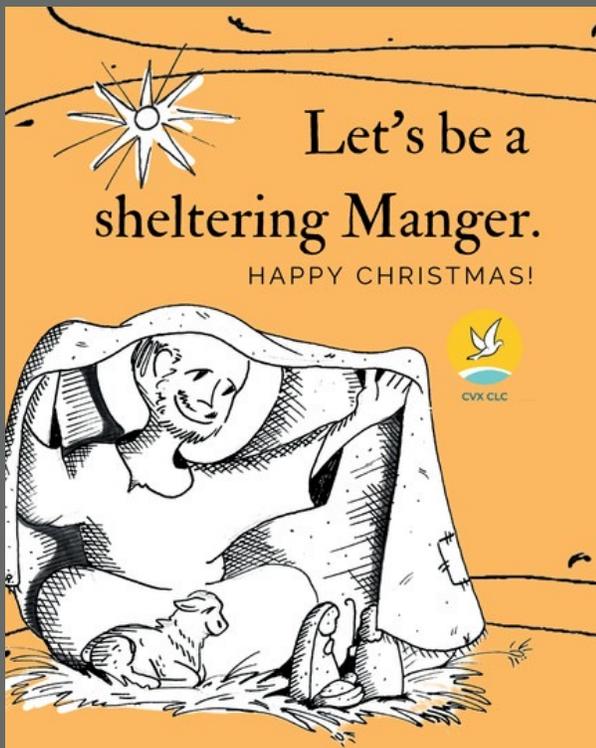
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# Christmas Message from the CVX-CLC World Leadership Team

We are pleased to share the **Christmas Message from the CVX-CLC World Leadership Team**, which includes the newly released **CVX-CLC global logo**—a reminder that *We are One CVX-CLC World Community*.

Because the Christmas season extends through the **Epiphany on January 6**, this greeting from the World ExCo remains wonderfully timely and meaningful for us to receive and share.

We also celebrate the release of our own new CLC-USA logo, unveiled at the end of December. Both the world logo and our national logo express our shared identity, mission, and unity within the global CVX-CLC body.



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Christian  
Life  
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# CHECK OUT THE NEWEST EDITION OF HARVEST MAGAZINE!

Our latest issue of Harvest celebrates the *10th anniversary of Laudato Si'* and honors the ongoing legacy of **Pope Francis**.

**[Click here to view Harvest Magazine](#)**

## **Call for Submissions —Next Issue: *Caring for the Poor***

The upcoming issue will focus on "**Caring for the Poor**," and we warmly invite you to contribute an article.

Pope Leo reminds us that **prayer alone is not enough**—we are called to act. As you consider writing, the following prompts may help guide your reflection:

- ◆ Who are the poor near you?
- ◆ How have you and/or your CLC responded to the poor in your lives?
- ◆ What kinds of poverty do you encounter?
- ◆ How does Scripture challenge us regarding poverty?
- ◆ What is meant by the preferential option for the poor?
- ◆ How has climate change affected the poor?
- ◆ What is the plight of refugees today?

## **Practical Details**

- ◆ Articles are typically **1–2 pages** in length.
- ◆ **Photos with captions** are welcome.
- ◆ Please include a **brief bio, personal photo, and postal address** with your submission.
- ◆ Deadline ASAP

For questions or submissions, please contact:

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# GLOBALIZATION & POVERTY TEAM

## Monthly Virtual Prayer Gathering

Join us for a 30-minute national prayer time each month. We'll pray together and briefly share what's on our hearts, guided by our Frontier themes: Peace, Human Dignity, Race, Migration & Poverty

**When:** Third Monday of the month at 8:00 PM (Eastern)

Upcoming Date: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

 Zoom links posted at: [clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty](https://clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty)

**All are welcome!**

## National Support Project: The Samaritan.City

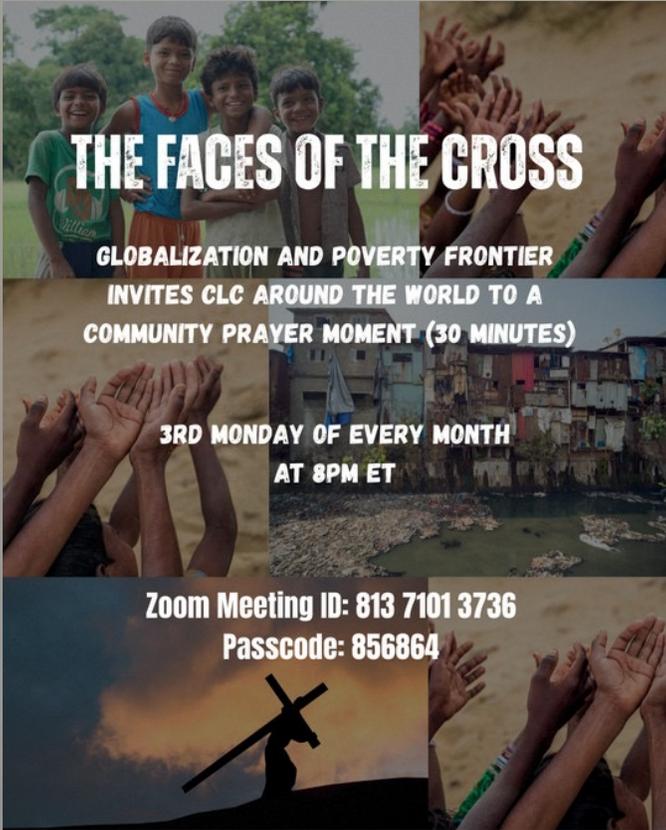
An invitation to serve our housing-insecure brothers and sisters. This simple, powerful initiative lets us pray for, affirm, and support those facing homelessness.  Learn more: Watch the founder's story

 Interested in helping? Contact Murray Dalziel (Mid-Atlantic Region, Baltimore):

 [murray.dalziel@gmail.com](mailto:murray.dalziel@gmail.com)

## Regional NCC Members

Please share these opportunities widely —small steps can make a big impact.



**THE FACES OF THE CROSS**

GLOBALIZATION AND POVERTY FRONTIER  
INVITES CLC AROUND THE WORLD TO A  
COMMUNITY PRAYER MOMENT (30 MINUTES)

3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AT 8PM ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 7101 3736  
Passcode: 856864

# POST BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The **Globalization & Poverty Frontier** is highlighting the recent pastoral message on immigration from the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**. For more information on the Frontier, visit: <https://clc-usa.com/globalization-poverty>

The Frontier invites all of us, with open hearts and minds, to review and prayerfully consider the key points outlined in this message.

Possible actions may include sharing the message within your local community and parish. USCCB announcement link: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-immigration-plenary-assembly-baltimore>

## **Summary of the USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration (November 2025)**

The USCCB recently issued a “**Special Pastoral Message on Immigration**”, calling for compassionate reform rooted in Catholic social teaching. This is the first such urgent message in 12 years and responds to growing concerns about fear, detention conditions, family separation, and dehumanizing rhetoric. The bishops emphasize the dignity of every person and express solidarity with both immigrants and citizens.

### Key Points from the Announcement

- **Call for Reform:** The bishops advocate for meaningful immigration reform, emphasizing that the current system is broken and in need of a just and orderly solution.
- **Human Dignity:** They reaffirm the inherent dignity of every person, regardless of immigration status, grounded in Catholic teaching.
- **Balance Security & Welcome:** While supporting a nation’s right to secure its borders, they stress that this must be balanced with compassion and the creation of safe, legal pathways for migrants.
- **Opposition to Harsh Measures:** The USCCB opposes mass deportations, family separation, inhumane detention conditions, and dehumanizing rhetoric.
- **Support for Immigrants:** They offer solidarity and encouragement, stating: “To our immigrant brothers and sisters, you are not alone.” The bishops call for accompaniment and advocacy for fair and humane laws.
- **Urgency:** The message carries a tone of deep concern for vulnerable immigrants and the communities affected by current policies and rhetoric.

### **Where to Find More Information**

- [USCCB official statement text](#)
- [YouTube video of the announcement](#)
- [Justice for Immigrants \(USCCB\) website](#)

# Interested in being on a Pastoral Care Team for LGBTQ+ individuals within our Christian Life Community?

**Our mission as a pastoral care team** is to nurture a safe, compassionate, and inclusive environment where LGBTQ+ individuals and allies are embraced with open hearts. We are devoted to offering spiritual support, fostering growth, and celebrating diversity within our community. Guided by respect, empathy, and faith, we strive to walk alongside all people, promoting understanding, acceptance, and genuine belonging for everyone we serve.

This group will discern together with the Holy Spirit what the needs are and how we will address them. We will be joining the Ignatian Spirituality Team in their frontier efforts.

If you identify as LGBTQ+, are an ally, or family member who would like to assist in this mission, please contact **Kathy Boyle** at [kathyboyle1955@gmail.com](mailto:kathyboyle1955@gmail.com). Please include a short bio, and why you would like to join this group.

We look forward to being led by the Holy Spirit to address the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and journeying together as one Christian Life Community in USA.



# FACILITATORS NEEDED FOR LENTEN SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS SERIES

Small group facilitators and tech leaders are needed for the Lenten Spiritual Conversation Series "*Breaking Open the Word.*" This is a spiritual ministry that serves Pope Francis's call to becoming a Synodal Church—a Church that hears the voice of the Holy Spirit and journeys together on mission with Christ. Spanish, French, and English-speaking leaders are all needed.

## Call for Meeting Leaders and Facilitators

We are currently registering **Meeting Leaders** and **Small Group Facilitators**. Please **pre-register now** if you are available to assist. A full listing of meeting times will be posted in January.

### Meeting Leaders

- Convene a large group each week at a time and in a language of your choosing.
- Facilitate the large group, manage breakout rooms, and welcome all participants.
- Choose the day and time that works best for you.
- Commitment: one meeting per week for the 6 weeks of Lent.
- REGISTER ASAP!

### Small Group Facilitators

- Join each week and guide a group of 5–7 people in a Conversation on the Scripture.
- Scripts are provided for each session.
- A video training is included.

### Pre-Register Today

Visit: <https://www.ignatianencounterministry.org/botw-2-1>

For more information, contact: [robert@ignatianencounterministry.org](mailto:robert@ignatianencounterministry.org)

**Global Scripture Conversations**  
Lent 2026

*Join Catholics from around the world in small Zoom breakout groups for conversations on the weekly scriptures during Lent 2026.*

- 6 Sessions, Once Weekly
- Sessions in: English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish
- Available in multiple time-zones

**Global . Virtual . Synodal**

To pre-register, please scan the QR code.

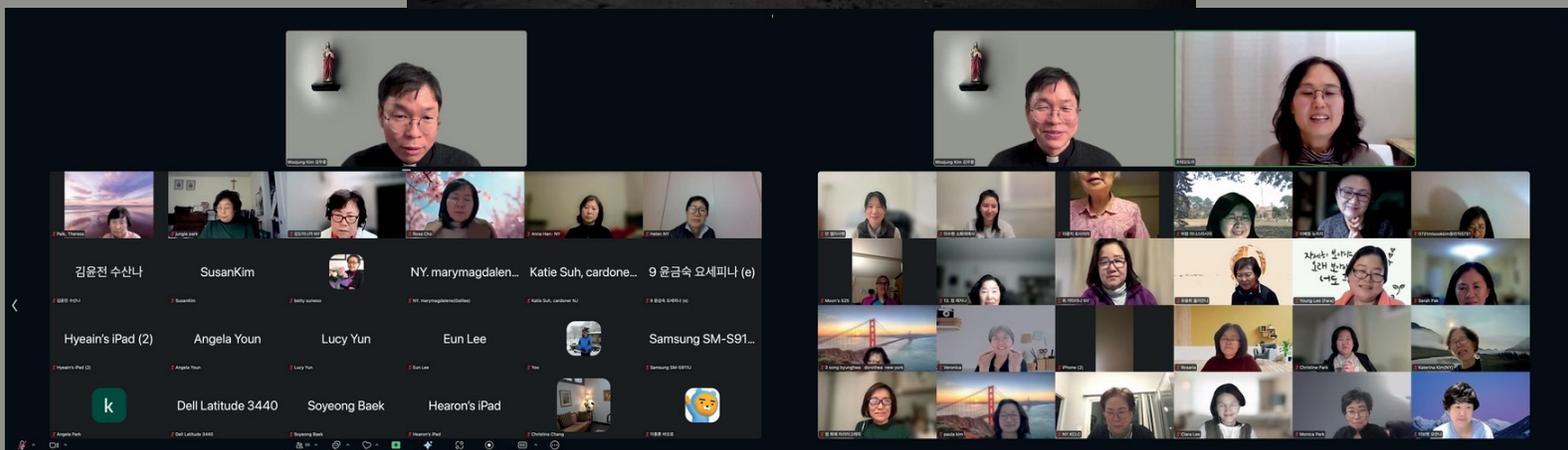
# KCLC NY: ADVENT ZOOM LECTURE: “WAITING, A HEART THAT WON’T SPLIT”

Reflection by Jeong Ho

On December 6th, KCLC–NY held an Advent Zoom lecture with **Fr. Woo-Jung Kim, SJ**, who is currently pursuing his PhD at Boston College. A total of **62 members** joined us for this meaningful time of reflection. Fr. Kim’s talk, “*Waiting, a Heart That Won’t Split,*” invited us to look deeply at how we seek and wait for God’s will with a simple, undivided heart, drawing from the **discernment of spirits in the Spiritual Exercises**.

As I listened, I found myself reflecting on how easily I become impatient and confused when I focus too much on the specific object I desire rather than the deeper purpose for which God created me. When my mind is divided like this, waiting becomes almost impossible. Yet Fr. Kim reminded us that if we at least set our hearts toward the purpose God created us for, God sees that intention and gently leads us toward His will. With the strength He gives, we can wait for a very long time—and in the end, **God’s will is fulfilled**.

Through this lecture, I was reminded that discernment is not simply about making a choice. It is about **deepening my relationship with God in** the process and choosing out of love, even when the path includes “hard consolation,” which is still a true form of spiritual consolation.



# CLC PITTSBURGH CLUSTER (PART OF MAR CLC)

## St. Al's Student Support

CLC Pittsburgh Cluster continues their support for St. Al's (St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School) since 2014 through sponsorship of a student at this CLC/Jesuit-founded school in Nairobi, Kenya. For the 2026 school year, **22 participating CLC members from 5 local CLCs raised \$2,250.00.**

The student we've been privileged to support, **Moureen**, was in Form 3 this year and has one more year at St. Al's. We were blessed to connect live with her for a brief conversation during our National Assembly via WhatsApp, and we hope to arrange another opportunity soon (likely a Saturday morning, since students go to school every Saturday).

Here is a link to the whole St. Al's newsletter that went out recently, with CLC Pittsburgh Cluster featured in the Sponsor Spotlight: **[Dec 2025 newsletter](#)**.



# NORTHWEST CLC RETREAT

The NW Region CLC members gathered at the Alton Collins Retreat Center in Estacada, Oregon, and on Zoom for a "hybrid" retreat in October. Fr. Tony Harris, SJ, facilitated the retreat themed "*Rooted in Christ, Resilient in Hope: Navigating Uncertainty Together.*"

We enjoyed moments of grace and connection with each other and with nature, and spent time on walks through the peaceful area surrounded by giant fir, cedar, lush ferns, and moss-covered vine maples.

We look forward to being together again next fall for our retreat on **September 11-13, 2026.**



# ✠ South Florida Region: Ignatian Pause: Beyond the Celebration —A Reflection on the Incarnation

On December 1st, Father David Pantaleón gifted us a virtual gathering titled *Ignatian Pause: Beyond the Celebration. A Reflection on the Incarnation*.

More than 40 members came together with great joy to share a space of reflection, singing, and guitar-accompanied music, which led into a warm and engaging conversation. It was an encounter that left our hearts filled with love and hope.

The Incarnation is the mystery of a God who seeks out humanity and makes himself present through a humble and communal “yes,” especially Mary’s, inviting us to live our faith not in isolation but in community, with openness, vulnerability, and trust. For it is in the searching, the questions, and the collaboration among people that Jesus is truly born.

In moments of limitation, failure, loss, or uncertainty—when it seems there is no future and nothing more can be done—Jesus is born, opening a new path and an unexpected life from within our own history. His birth takes place on the margins and in vulnerability, inviting us to begin again, to welcome with discernment the mystery of a love that descends and saves us, and to say a humble “yes” through our lives and actions, remembering that by going deeper within ourselves, as Saint Teresa taught, we find God intimately united to our very being.

## Announcements

- ♦ January 12th: ExCo meeting
- ♦ January 12th: Revision of evaluations of 2025 made by each local community
- ♦ January 26th: Coordinators of communities, in-person meeting
- ♦ Getting ready for the CLC World Day in March



# ✦ IGNIS MINISTRIES: CALLED TO SHINE: ADVENT FOR A GENERATION OF LIGHT

*Called to Shine: Advent for a Generation of Light*, hosted by Ignis Ministries, had an amazing turnout with **over 90 attendees**. We gathered online for a beautiful Taizé-style worship service along with a special reflection from An Michael Nguyen.

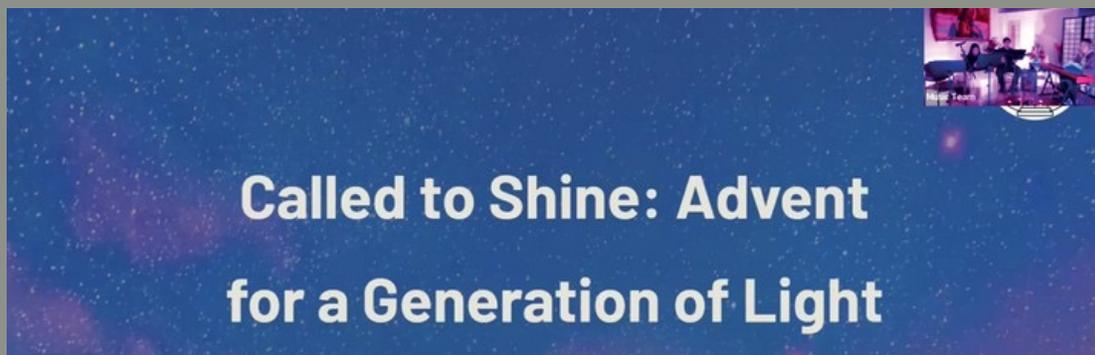
The evening was led by our amazing music team — **Emily Tran, Douglas Vu, and Lam Le** — who joined together in San Jose at the Ignatian Spirituality Center at Most Holy Trinity. **We were also supported by our dedicated facilitators: Dan Nguyen, Bethany Vu, Marianne Vu, Ngoc Anh Tran, and Jason Vu.**

We are deeply grateful for everyone who joined us. For those who weren't able to attend, you can view the event recording here: [\*\*Called to Shine: Advent for a Generation of Light\*\*](#).

You can also revisit the full Advent Reflection Series here: [\*\*Advent Reflections\*\*](#)

This gathering marks the conclusion of our Advent Reflection Series, coordinated by **Tami Nguyen-Tran, Jason Vu, and Joanna Jezierczak**. Our team is truly grateful for all who submitted a reflection and shared their gifts with the community.

Keep an eye out—our next reflection series will be announced next month. For any questions or to learn how to participate, please contact [\*\*ignis@clc-usa.com\*\*](mailto:ignis@clc-usa.com).



# Prayer Intentions

## We pray for the souls of:

- ♦ Father Pedro Suarez, SJ, who passed away on January 1st in the Dominican Republic. He was a member of a local community in the South Florida Region.
- ♦ Thu-Ha and Sonny, two members of Đông Hành CLC who passed away. We hold their families in prayer.
- ♦ Stephen Wilkosz, the father of a CLC member's friend, who recently passed away.
- ♦ Bonnie Brunton, a long time CLC member from the Northwest Region left this world to be with Jesus on December 27. Bonnie and her husband Tom were members of Seattle 1 since the 1980's and most recently Bonnie joined Anam Cara because Seattle 1 had too few members to continue. We ask our Blessed Mother to console and bring peace to Tom, and family and friends of Bonnie.

## Prayers for:

- ♦ Kim Pham's health
- ♦ Members of Saint Benedict the Moor in Pittsburgh Parish, who are discerning taking the Spiritual Exercises in September
- ♦ World peace
- ♦ A member's husband William's health
- ♦ That we may be peace-keepers and healers in a world that needs our prayers
- ♦ The people of Venezuela, that our representatives will pursue justice as the situation evolves in the coming hours, days, and weeks



Photo of Deidre Vivas's Parish (mostly Venezuelan) during Adoration.  
'Praying for peace and freedom in our country'  
CVX-CLC holds The Venezuelan people in our prayer