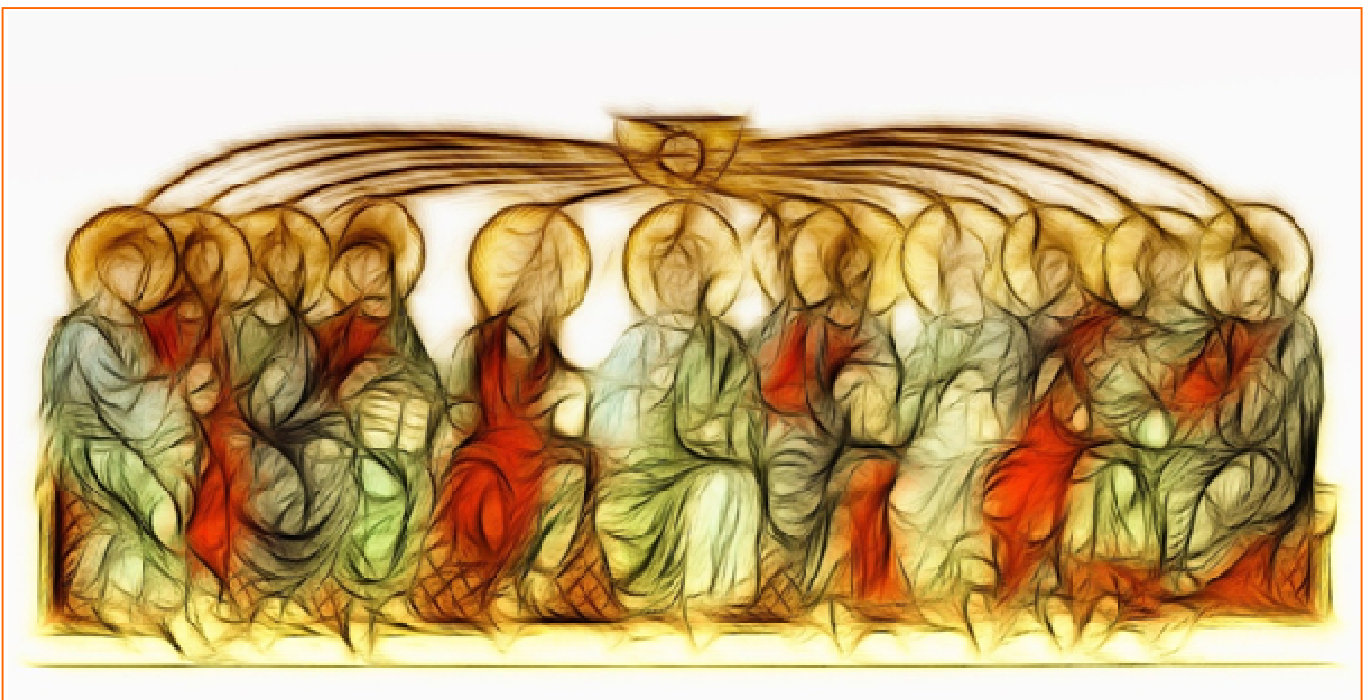


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The past months have been difficult months. We wondered what happened to us. We isolated ourselves, we were scared and upset by the damage Covid-19 virus caused. That fear was not without foundation since our congregation lost sisters as well. By continuing to tell each other the stories of those who are no longer with us, we bring that person back into our midst. That is how we find the strength to continue our lives. That is also the meaning of the Pentecost as we read in Acts 2,1-4:

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The Holy Spirit comes

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

The seclusion we experienced meant that we could no longer meet each other. We couldn't help, we couldn't even comfortng arm over one's shoulder. But it did bring us the silence and tranquility that allows us to get creative in our intentions.

Ascension and Pentecost close a period. We let go and start again. Jesus tells us to make heaven on earth by forgiving each other, by sharing, and by remaining faithful to one another.

Making life on earth a little more beautiful for ourselves and for others is our perspective on the future.

Vincentian pilgrimage

Covid-19 influences daily life in many ways. We were looking forward to the Vincentian pilgrimage this summer with young sisters from Indonesia, the Philippines, Brazil and Timor Leste. However, it would be bad policy to continue in the current circumstances. We hope that the conditions will change in the near future so that we can organize the Vincentian tour in 2021.

Travel is problematic today. Many countries close their borders to foreigners. This is to prevent the spread of Covid-19. That is very understandable and a reason for us to postpone working visits for the time being.

Joy and sorrows

Died :

April 11, 2020	Sr Anna Hoogland	Tilburg, Netherlands
May 7, 2020	Sr Rosaleen Mooney	Limirick, Ireland
May 14, 2020	Sr Catharine Grent	Tilburg, The Netherlands
May 20, 2020	Sr Hubertino Bijmens	Hasselt, Belgium
May 24, 2020	Sr Mariannie Frederiks	Tilburg, Netherlands

Jubilees:

May 2, Belgium	80 years convent jubilee, Sr Constansa Lowette	Zonhoven
May 2, Netherlands	80 years convent jubilee, Sr Gerardi van der Burgt	Tilburg
May 6, England / Ireland	70 years convent jubilee, Sr Teresa of Lisieux Dougan	Pantasaph
May 6, Belgium	70 years convent jubilee, Sr Louise Bielen	Zonhoven
May 6, Netherlands	70 years convent jubilee, Sr Aloys van der Burg	Tilburg
May 6, Netherlands	70 years convent jubilee, Sr Mathea Bouwman	Tilburg
May 6, Netherlands	70 years convent jubilee, Sr Aleidis Buis	Nijmegen
May 7, Netherlands	65 years convent jubilee, Sr Dorothé Vink	Tilburg
May 7, Netherlands	65 years convent jubilee, Sr Antoine Hulsman	Tilburg
May 15, Belgium	65 years convent jubilee, Sr Annie Timmers	Zonhoven
May 15, Netherlands	60 years convent jubilee, Sr Laura Berkers	Tilburg
May 15, Netherlands	60 years convent jubilee, Sr Veronica Durenkamp	Tilburg
May 15, Netherlands	60 years convent jubilee, Sr Anne Maatman	Tilburg
May 28, Indonesia	40 years convent jubilee, Sr Felisitas Duha	Teluk Dalam
May 28, General Board	40 years convent jubilee, Sr Hermin Bu'ulölö	Den Bosch
May 28, Indonesia	40 years convent jubilee, Sr Carolina Daely	Gunung Sitoli