



East-West Province

**SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR**

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Greetings!

We're happy to share with you this reflection that was sent out by Notre Dame High School, San Jose:

*Notre Dame de Paris, Our Lady of Paris, pray for us.*

*With the love of Mary, we offer our prayers for the people of France and for all who love the Notre Dame Cathedral.*

*May this icon of hope and faith rise once again to remind us of our commitment to God's divine love and the potential of human creativity.*

*Ah, qu'il est bon le bon Dieu!*

**Happy Easter, and blessings of hope and joy in your life.**

*Monica*

On behalf of the Sisters

Monica May  
Development Director



## "But who is that on the other side of you?"

Sr. Tess Ryan looks to a poem by T.S. Eliot in her reflection for the Easter Sunday Gospel. In the reading, the disciples recognized Jesus in a stranger, and Sr. Tess asks us to explore our "hidden self" ... still waiting for the Easter Light to penetrate."

**[Read the reflection here.](#)**



## Earth Day Thought

As we mark Earth Day on April 22, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur continue to act and speak for the health of our environment. Climate change, especially in light of the decision for the US to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement, is an urgent concern.

Sr. Denise Curry, Justice and Peace  
Coordinator for the US East-West

Province, writes: **"Remember that people who live in poverty may suffer the most from climate change. And that we should always take care to ease the burden on low-income communities."**



***Sisters in Ipswich, Mass., bless the members of the new Provincial Leadership Team.***

## **Sisters Select a New Leadership Team**

The more than 400 members of the U.S. East-West Province recently completed the process for selecting the leadership team that will serve in the coming years.

Sisters in ten locations on the East and West Coasts first gathered in mid-March via a videoconferencing network to hear statements from candidates, then voted in April.

Joining as new members to the Provincial Leadership Team are Sisters Elaine Bain, Eileen Burns and Patty Chappell. Continuing their service from the last term are Sisters Barbara Barry, Mary Farren and Cathy Waldron.



***Nidal Yusuf is a current student at Solidarity Teachers Training College in Yambio where Sr. Carolyn Buhs serves.***

## **Lives Changed in South Sudan**

Following a health-related stay in California, Sr. Carolyn Buhs has returned safely to her ministry as a teacher and librarian at the Solidarity Teachers Training College in South Sudan.

Included with her latest update is a series of 11 short articles about the impact of the school on her students, their pupils and families. Sr. Carolyn writes, **"If you have the time to read the stories and see the photos, I think you will share my Easter Joy in God's Goodness to us!"**

**You won't want to miss reading the stories and seeing the photos!**

*Also in South Sudan news, Pope Francis recently knelt at the feet of the leaders of South Sudan, begging them to give peace a chance and to be worthy "fathers of the nation." **See the video here.***

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