Dear sisters:

In the month of May, we recalled holy Mary of Nazareth, mother of Jesus and our mother, as a model of love and faith, and as a mother who accompanies her son until the last moment of his mission.

We have remembered our mothers, whether they are among us alive or if they have already been in the arms of the heavenly Father. Many things we have heard, said and done on Mother’s day. However, we have also reflected on the sincerity of our feelings and considerations towards our mother, as sons and daughters. We conclude that nothing that manifests our love in concrete actions towards her can be enough to compensate for all her love, dedication, effort and sacrifice given to each son and daughter in such a unique and profound way that she has left an indelible mark on our hearts and that lets us know that there is no love equal to that of our mother. She, with this love, has revealed to us how the love of God can be to each one of her daughters and sons. Let's dedicate time and space to be by her side and give her a lot of love.

We share the experience of each community as we continue renewing our commitment as Sisters of St. Joseph.

Fondly,

Gloria, Zaida and Maritza

COMINGS AND GOINGS IN JUNE-JULY

Blessings on our sisters who have traveled and will be traveling during this time:

* May 8 María Inés arrived for her medical check-up.
* June 3 Teresa Ponce arrived after her program in Guatemala. She will travel again on June 16 to Colombia for a training course and will return to Peru on July 19.
* June 3 Anne Davis returned from her leadership program in the USA.
* June 5 Peggy Murphy traveled for her family visit and will return on July 28 after participating in the Congregational Chapter.
* June 7 Rosa Orellana arrived for her visit with us and with her family. She will be in Peru for a month and a half.
* June 7 Zaida Pérez arrived from Tacna to begin the Leadership Team visits to the local communities.
VISITS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In the month of June and July we will be visiting the local communities as VP Team. We ask for your prayers during this special time of meetings.
* From June 8 to 10, 2019 = Pequeño Proyecto Community (Las Brisas)
* On June 12, 13 and 16, 2019 = Community of Casa San José (Jesús María)
* From June 14 to 16, 2019 = Community of the Great Love of God (Canto Chico)
* From July 4 to July 7, 2019 = Trinitarian Community (Tacna)

WELCOME LITTLE ESTELA...

Metodio and Luis Ana are a Venezuelan couple who arrived in our country almost a year ago. At first they suffered a serious accident when they came from Venezuela to Colombia. Metodio fractured his femur and has recovered after 6 months of treatment. Luis Ana courageously began working as a waitress. Now Metodio goes from job to job, and is not always treated well, and hopes to get a stable job with a new business. Metodio is a chef, Luis Ana is an agricultural engineer.

12 days ago their first child, Estela, was born. She has arrived in a time of insecurity for the couple; however, they are optimistic and happy to have their little one. They are facing their new situation with the support of a family and also of us sisters. We accompany you with our prayer and solidarity support.

NEWS FROM THE SAN JOSÉ VICE PROVINCIAL HOUSE (JESÚS MARÍA)

* Sisters Mauricia Carcasi and Gloria Zapata have taken time to visit their families in Puno and Zaña respectively.

* We welcomed Maria Inés Gutiérrez on May 8. She will stay until the first week of August to have medical check-ups and continue with some therapies that help improve her health. We give her our best healing energy in this special time of health recovery.

A Brief Visit to Arequipa

Our sisters María Schuh and Genoveva Herrera traveled to Arequipa on May 25 and 26. Both were reunited with friends of many years.

When people learned that María Schuh was traveling to Arequipa, the phone did not stop ringing to confirm that the news was real. Before, during and after the visit the joy of the reunion was very special. Between laughter, tears, silences, testimonies, hugs, jokes, surprises, farewells and so many gestures of gratitude, the Parish of San Lorenzo told Maria Schuh: "Thank you dear sister for coming back after so long. May God accompany you wherever you go, and do not forget about us. Many greetings to all the sisters, we hope they visit us someday".
Her traveling companion, Geno, gave testimony of all the gestures of affection expressed to Maria and to all our Congregation. We thank you for the witness of presence and dedication for so many years in this sector of our country. Thank you, Maria Schuh, for giving testimony of who we are.

We share some evidence of this meeting.

The dynamic duo, María and Geno, visiting the families.

Presence in the San Lorenzo Parish, Arequipa. They are decorated by the faithful ...

The people of God accompanying our sisters.
When Maria and Geno left the Chapel early to depart for the airport, all the faithful went out with the sisters, even though the Mass was not over yet! Thank you friends in Arequipa for your love!

**NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY OF THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD (CANTO CHICO)**

*Mother, listen to me, I’ll sing happily by your side!* In May we began the month of prayer through the Rosary. Each family in this sector hosted the Canto Chico Cross in their home. It was a special time to ask God for their diverse needs and to thank God for blessings received. At the end of the prayer, each family served all present the delicious meal they had prepared. It really is a blessing to live and be with the people of this sector. Their generosity and affection teach us to feel like the disciples of Emmaus and say: "We knew you Lord when we broke the bread".

Rehearsing the songs with the children so that the prayer of the Rosary is more animated and touches the people present.

Dining, after the prayer in honor of the Canto Chico Cross

Testimonials from some neighbors who participated in the prayer in honor of the Canto Chico Cross:

"It was beautiful to share the prayer. The Rosary helps us to be close to God. The Cross is very special and I ask for help. I ask a lot for my health and I feel calmer, happy, and cheerful. Sharing with neighbors in their homes is very nice. Sharing what we have with the children and with everyone is very special. I would like to
have the sisters always lead the prayer, they are very special—the sisters who always accompany us." (Señora Estela Acero)

"The rosary should always be prayed. It is a pity that it is one month a year. Prayer, giving thanks to God, and being united as neighbors should always be. The sharing (meals that are prepared in the houses) unites us; it makes us happy. I think Jesus liked to share. I am happy to pray. I'm sorry I was not there every night because I work. I am pleased that my children (James and Piero) are learning to pray and be close to the sisters." (Señora Rosa)

"The most important thing is that the Cross unites us as a family. My aunt motivates my whole family to unite and have the Cross in my house and share with the neighbors. My parents and uncles are happy to all participate. They all help prepare the food, they all collaborate and we think that praying together brings us a lot of peace and also health". (María M.)

CENTRAL DAY OF THE CROSS

The grotto of the Cross dresses up! Neighbors Harol and Señor Chaparro were responsible for embellishing it through painting and cleaning. Thank you!! The Eucharistic celebration was presided by Fr. Álvaro (the photo did not come out). After the Mass, everyone enjoyed a delicious soup that was prepared for the whole neighborhood.
FEAST OF THE VIRGEN
In a similar way, we celebrated Our Lady of Fatima on May 13. The celebration was prepared by the Acha family, who had the generosity to gather the neighborhood for the Celebration of the Eucharist in the middle of the park across from their home—a park that is known for its beauty, cleanliness and greenness. Father Camilo presided over the Eucharist. Fr. Camilo has already returned to Colombia after a few weeks of helping his community in Canto Chico.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY SEE
Doris (8 yrs old), Nadín (6 yrs.), Sisters Anne y Yoli visited a church of the Holy Cross priests. In the church there was a woman kneeling and praying. Nadín said: “I want to pray for my mother who is in heaven.” (The mother of Doris and Nadí died a little more than a year ago.) Her spontaneity and freedom to do so invited us to accompany her in the faith that comes from God.

HAPPY MOMENTS OF INNOCENCE AND SIMPLICITY
Doris is 8 years old. Her deep desire: to have glasses to read better. Doris was the happiest girl on the planet while being evaluated by the Ophthalmologist. She answered with precision, accuracy and fluency everything the doctor asked her, with her little hands pointing out exactly what the doctor asked. Doris’s face drew a tender and expressive smile. Perhaps for the first time, her eyes were as bright as lighted lamps. However, in less than 3 seconds, everything went out. Doris’s face became sad and had the most confused expression. Her eyes closed upon hearing the doctor say: "You do not need glasses, everything is perfect." This was incomprehensible to Doris because what she most wanted was her glasses and she
answered all the questions correctly. Now it was impossible to have them. Anne Davis, whose gift is to find possibilities, love and serve said: is it possible to buy sun glasses?

Doris was able to feel happy and celebrate her 8th birthday with her new glasses!

A SPECIAL EDUCATOR
Henry Adams said that "The teacher leaves a mark for eternity; S/he can never say when his/her influence stops." Our sister María Elena, with gentleness, peace and joy, as a good Sister of St. Joseph, is constantly accompanying her students to develop in an integrated way. Thank you Maria Elena!

TRAINING: ORIENTATION WORKSHOP
This month, the TOP Fe y Alegría No. 26 training was carried out. The purpose was to guide and promote young adolescents so that their vocation and personal discovery could promote a more equitable society. The project was facilitated by Luis Mío and our Yoli.
NEWS FROM THE PEQUEÑO PROYECTO COMMUNITY (LAS BRISAS)

We started the month celebrating the neighbors' birthdays, including that of our beloved Mary Luz. It was a very simple and fun meeting, thanks to the animation of Agripina (Pina).

After greeting the birthday girls, we celebrated all the mothers with a delicious dinner: A special chicken dish that was prepared by the neighbors and we made the rice, thanks to our star chef, Mary Luz. Unfortunately we did not take photos of this banquet; we were so focused on eating and attending to our neighbors that we forgot to take the pictures. Señora Victoria won the food basket that was assembled by all the neighbors. We are grateful for this bond with the dear neighbor; each time we gather we feel a greater trust and affection.

We continue to share our gifts in diverse ways in the Chapel of Las Brisas de Villa. Mary Luz continues to accompany the brand-new liturgy team. In the photo we see Señor José (he is from Venezuela and he is a reader), Señora Vicky (sacristan), Señora Paulina (reader) and Sr. Mary Luz. Every Wednesday they meet and organize for the Sunday Mass. They value the formation they receive to serve well in the liturgy.
Our sister Pina together with the group of the Choir organized an activity to raise funds and thus cover the expenses of the group. They sold a delicious coffee with bread and avocado after the Sunday Mass.

This month, Clarisa and Cynthia, two friends of the community, visited us. Together with them we collaborated with the purchase of our Sunday breakfast. To avoid the use of disposable cups, we carry our coffee cups—a small gesture that reduces the use of plastic.

When I was sick, you visited me! (by Maritza Jarro, CSJ)

Today as every Sunday our team went to visit the sick. We were surprised by Señora Betty. She has been in bed since last year. She gave each of us a rose for Mother’s Day; we had not thought of a detail like that. Despite the pain she experiences, her joy does not disappear. Together with her husband Pedro, she waits for us every Sunday, with a candle lit and above all with a heart that is willing to pray and receive the Eucharist. She told us: “Sisters, thank you for visiting me, now I have to be in bed, if Jesus was on the cross, why not be happy? I hope that one day I can be with him ... (silence) While I will continue praying, Jesus never leaves me alone ..." There
really is a lot to learn from the sick, they have a strength that surpasses all my understanding. I appreciate the opportunity to be with them.

NEWS FROM THE TRINITARIAN COMMUNITY (Tacna)

In the month of May the workshops for parents, titled "Psico edúcate" began (organized by the team of Psychology of San José Fe y Alegría), the first of four that will be offered during the year. Students of the last cycle of studies at the Faculty of Psychology of the National University of Tacna conducted 8 workshops with different topics on: Parent-child relationships, knowledge and use of the Internet, knowledge of today’s adolescents, educating their children in attention and collaboration ... The Administrative Team welcomed and motivated the parents and assistants to implement the learning to improve relationships at home. Each workshop was attended by primary and secondary school teachers. The student speakers received a certification for the support of the I.E. The workshop was well received by the participating parents.

Prayer and doing physical exercises before their classes is a very good practice that helps elementary students to enter classroom work vigorously. The winter schedule has started, entering fifteen minutes later in the morning for the primary level. During the month of May, a few days of the week, the students prayed the Angelus before entering their classrooms.

Other days, they did physical exercises to warm up. Then, in class they drink their hot drink every day and their food three times a week. With this valuable help they can work with greater attention and dedication in groups, sharing their knowledge,
developing their projects with creativity. These activities allow teachers to assess their competencies and obtain evidence of student performance. We congratulate the teachers for their love of the students and their dedication in the educational work, courageously responding to the challenges that education presents today.

Our teachers are participating in the Inter-school Tacna championship organized by the Tacna based SUTEP, to finish before Teacher’s Day. They remain undefeated to the present day. There is much desire to succeed in this championship in the disciplines of Fullsal and mixed volleyball. This year they started playing on Friday nights with the desire to de-stress. Sometimes they practiced with alumni, which was good for having a space to interact between alumni and teachers. We wish a happy day for the teachers and their co-workers.

On May 30 and 31 and June 1, the meeting of the southern programs of the works of the Jesuits was held. From Fe y Alegría of Tacna, Prof. Rudy Campana and Sr. Zaida Pérez attended representing the Tacna and Ilo programs. The purpose of the meeting was to deepen the sense of the response to God’s call to share life with those most in need in the missions. The Society of Jesus has been sharing with the laity with whom it works not only the responsibility of the direction of several works, but the richness of its spirituality and its charism: the Spiritual Exercises and discernment as ways to respond to God’s call to contribute to the Kingdom of God. In the I.E. San José Fe y Alegría, the Sisters of Saint Joseph work for the Unity through Reconciliation in all relationships: with self, with others, with nature and with God.

Father Carlos Silva explains the restoration of the temple of Andahuaylillas and the different periods that have left footprints in the temple’s decoration since the 17th century. We see a chapel dedicated to Saint Joseph with the baby Jesus. The other photo is of the roof that represents the sky studded with stars, as is the mountain sky.

WE JOIN IN PRAYER
* For the eternal rest of Señora Isabel, mother of Mary Luz Salazar.
* For the eternal rest of Mr. Chuck Conrad, brother of Betty.
* For the eternal rest of Mr. Art Muñoz, brother of Dolo.
* For the eternal rest of Blair Harper, sister of Sally.
* For the eternal rest of the wife of Señor Máximo Rojas, Teresa Ponce’s cousin.
* For the health of Señora Carmen, Gloria’s cousin.
* For the health of Señora Maria Apolinar, aunt of Sr. Ruth Matos, who suffered an accident and is waiting for surgery.

We give thanks for the life of our sisters and Family of San José-Chile - JUNE

1 Guacolda Saavedra (FSJ Chile)
10 Peg (Margaret) Murphy
20 Mary McKay (ELC)
27 Julie Marciacq (LA)
29 Agripina Morales