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Birth and Death of Outcasts

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A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND, for February 12, 2012 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

“If you wish, you can make me clean.” (Mark 1:40b)

Lord of power, cast out the leprosy of my sinfulness.
Cast out the demons that reside in my mind and heart.
Many contributed to these demon ideas.
They were birthed in my home, my school, even in my church!
You know this sinfulness of mine:

Prejudices, racism, nationalism, self-righteousness and
myriad of others.

These have become my foes, who fight unknown outcasts.

“If you wish, you can make me clean.” (Mk 1:40b)

Lord, take up my plea.

“My foes will be terrified and disgraced; all will fall back in sudden shame.” (Ps 6:11)
If you cast out of me these false demons, there will be no outcasts, no boundaries.
All peoples will be my sisters and brothers in Christ.

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Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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"I do will it. Be made clean." (Mark 1:41b)

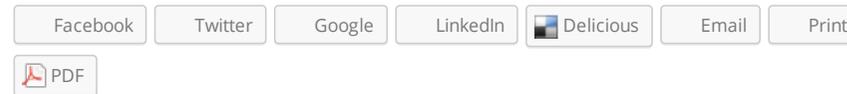
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Sr. Ellen February 9, 2012 at 9:11 am



Very STRONG and thought-provoking! Thank you!

REPLY

Valerie Pinney February 9, 2012 at 9:22 am



Powerful!

REPLY

Sr Juliemarie McDonald February 9, 2012 at 12:28 pm



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Dear Ellen, I am glad you think it is thought provoking. I believe that is what the good news does to us. It makes us reflect and perhaps change.

REPLY

Sr Juliemarie McDonald February 9, 2012 at 12:29 pm



Val, thank you for your comment. I do think the issues are and can be a powerful motive for transformation.

REPLY

Marilou Strathern February 9, 2012 at 1:25 pm



What a blessing you are to us all. Such talented inspirations!
Love you!

REPLY

Sr Juliemarie McDonald February 10, 2012 at 12:38 pm



Dear Mary Lou, thank you. I hope the poetry speaks the gospel news to all you who reflect upon them.

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