

Our Global Network and the United Nations



Our Mission

“The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) and the Congregation of Jesus (CJ) are present at the United Nations (UN) to promote a more humane, just and sustainable world.”

Our Purpose

We are a **faith-based organization** working in **collaboration** with other civil society organizations (CSOs/NGOs), UN agencies and member states to **challenge injustices and unjust structures** by **bringing the insights of the people** with whom we work and live, especially the most marginalized, at the UN.

Our focus is mainly on **Women and Girls** within the context of Social Development, Sustainable Development and Human Rights. The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** provide a cohesive framework for our ministry and we focus our energies in education, awareness raising and advocacy.

Transformed by the Gospel and guided by the vision of our foundress Mary Ward, the Catholic Social Teachings and our core values of Justice, Verity, Freedom, Sincerity and Felicity underpin all our work.



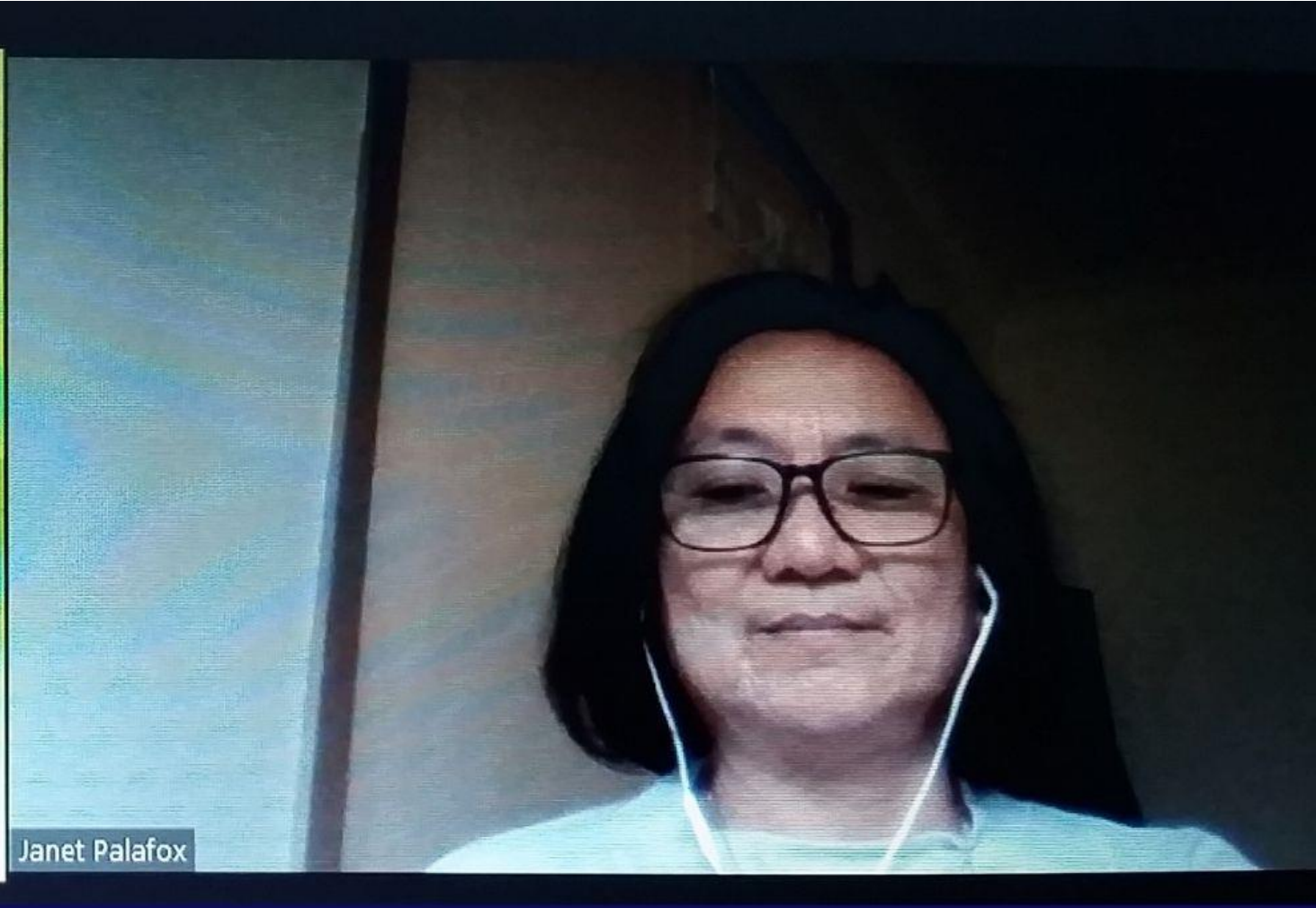


**Aislinn delivering
our Oral Statement
at CSocD 2021.**



**Francesca delivering
our Oral Statement at
CSocD 2020.**





Do not speak about us without us!



Sr. Soria sharing on the issues faced by Rainbow Children (Homeless children) in Kolkota at CSocD 2020.



Sr. Pat discussing the food insecurity faced by communities in Zambia at CSocD2021.

**If we are to bring good news to the poor
and liberate the oppressed,
we need to occupy space in places of power
where decisions are made,
on behalf of those who cannot be present,
so their insights and experiences are heard.
We need to participate and work together to
challenge and change these unjust structures.**

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