

Women's Religious Communities in the Diocese of Calgary

Assumption Sisters of Nairobi

We are called to give life and to give it to the full. Our motto is: Love, Service, Self-sacrifice.



Assumption Sisters of Nairobi is a Religious Women Congregation Founded in 1953 in the Archdiocese of Nairobi – Kenya, by the then late Archbishop John Joseph McCarthy Cssp. The congregation was founded in Thika, where the Mother House is located. The two formation houses are also located within the same area. He was motivated by the sufferings of the local people, especially women who at the time worked in the European Coffee Estates, the whole day. During his missionary journeys he encountered the sufferings that Mothers were exposed to during childbirth.

This moved him to found an African Congregation that would understand the women and empower them on various issues including education, hygiene, and health. At that time there were only two Diocesan Congregations in the Country.

He requested the White Sisters (Missionaries of Africa) to assist in the formation of the first girls until the Congregation was stable. The Congregation started with 11 girls who took their first Vows in 1959. The Institute was granted Diocesan right on

2nd February 1955. The congregation has been on Diocesan right until May 27th, 1998, when we were granted Pontifical Status.

Membership

The membership of the congregation stands at 200. The number of communities stands at 50 distributed in 14 different Dioceses namely: Nairobi, Nakuru, Lodwar, Machakos, Kitui, Murang'a, Isiolo, Ngong, Eldoret, Njombe, Mombasa, Mandeville Diocese in Jamaica, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Alberta, and Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada. Each community is under a Local Superior.

ASN Charism

Assumption Sisters of Nairobi is an Institute of African Religious Women under the Patronage of Mary Assumed into heaven, who are deeply rooted in Jesus Christ, and who have apostolic zeal for the service of the Church. By being immersed among the people as Life givers, they bring the Good News of Salvation in order to uplift the dignity of all people, especially women and with openness to the needs of time. The congregation is organized into six zones: Nairobi/Rift Valley, Eastern, Thika, Lodwar, Jamaica, and Canada. Each zone is under a zonal coordinator.

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Daughters of Mary, Mother of the Church



Totally consecrated to God to live in community, to follow Christ through the profession of the evangelical counsels and seek perfect charity in the service of Christ Himself and His Church, we dedicate ourselves to the diligent spreading of the Good News of Christ's Light, Life, and Love to everyone, so that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of truth.

DM sisters emulate in our lives our Lord Jesus Christ and the Blessed mother in our spirit of prayer and our love for moments of solitude and silence which are very important elements in our religious life.

The fraternal life of the DM sisters is a God-enlightened space in which we experience the presence of the Risen Lord, through our mutual love for one another in the community that is nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist and is purified by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and sustained by prayer for unity. In order to fulfill our mission, we strive to become true religious and catechized catechists by acquiring solid and up-to-date spiritual, human, and professional formation and training that will give authority to our services, making us active instruments of charity and grace.

Our Apostolates: Catechetical Apostolate, Family Life Apostolate, School Apostolate, Marian Formation Centers--Apostolate For Preschoolers. Other Related Apostolate: Seminaries, Diocesan/Parish Offices, Retreat House, Dormitories.

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Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

We are a contemplative/active congregation of Sisters of St. Dominic founded in Poland. We are inspired by St. Dominic's ideal to combine the personal experience of God with the ministry of education and care for those in need.

Our greatest goal is to love God and love our neighbour. As Dominicans our focus is the



salvation of souls and everything we do is oriented around that central mission. The history of our congregation began with our foundress Mother Kolumba Białecka. At a young age, Mother Kolumba, then Róża, wanted to give her life wholeheartedly to God. She was initially prevented from doing so by her father as well as by her health, but eventually God prevailed. One day, Róża had the opportunity to meet and speak with the Master General of the Dominican Order, Fr. Vincent Jandel. Father was thoroughly impressed by the spiritual maturity of Róża who was only seventeen at the time. He saw in her the makings of a future foundress of the Third Regular Order of the Sisters of St. Dominic in Poland.

After professing her first vows at the age of twenty-one in France, Sr. Kolumba returned to Poland to begin the new congregation. She experienced many hardships in the beginning of the foundation, especially struggling to find a place to plant the foundation's roots. Mother Kolumba first began her apostolic works in the villages, ministering to the poor and suffering. More information about Mother Kolumba can be found at the congregation's website. Her work continues to this day through the hands of her Sisters throughout the world. The congregation's apostolic work expands to teaching, evangelization, and aid to the suffering. In Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the Sisters minister to the Polish community and run a daycare for little children.

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Franciscan Missionaries of Mary



We are called to the universal mission of the Church in the service of the poor and the lowly and to witness in our lives the unending love of God, especially His mercy and forgiveness.

Founded in 1877 by M. Mary of the Passion (Hélène de Chappotin) in the great missionary impetus of the 19th century, the Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) is today an international Catholic congregation at work in 73 countries on five continents. It is part of the Franciscan family.

In almost 150 years, the face of mission has changed, as has that of the world and the Church. But Christ's commandment remains the same: "Go and make disciples of all nations... What you have done to the least of these, you have done unto me... By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another..." Women of different nations and cultures, seized by the Love of Christ, consecrated for the service of the Gospel, we desire, through our whole life, to manifest God's Love for all, especially the poorest and most abandoned.

Our life as Franciscan Missionaries of Mary has its own distinctive emphases:

- **'For the mission and its risks,'** a mission without frontiers: open to the world, whatever the country, culture, religion, social background... implying a real availability throughout our lives; a mission lived in a spirit of service and respect for others. Open to the challenges of our time and to the priorities of the Church, ready to reach the most disadvantaged, we take on any task that gives priority to human life, or that values and promotes the growth of the human being.
- **'With the sisters God gives us':** Although we come from different backgrounds, we choose to live together in intercultural communities as a sign of fraternity and reconciliation in this fragmented world. Recognizing the dignity, richness, and limitations of each people, of each person, we give flesh to the dream of a world of peace, justice, and healing.
- **'I give myself unreservedly':** An existence shaped by contemplation and action. In prayer, we welcome the mystery of the God of Love; in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, we surrender ourselves with Christ and draw strength to live this offering; in work, whatever it may be, we unite ourselves with our human brothers and sisters: it is the Lord who sends us and He whom we recognize in each one.
- **'Behold the Handmaid of the Lord':** We live the mission 'in Mary's way'. She offered herself to God's project in a yes that was never taken back; all her life she collaborated fully in the mission of her Son. First disciple, Mother of the Church, Mary shows us the way and accompanies us.

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Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth



The charism given by God to this community is to live the Gospel with joyful and humble hearts, to serve the Lord in His poor, to offer Christ's healing touch, and to draw others to God.

This community of Franciscan Sisters was originally founded in Aachen, Germany, in 1622, by Mother Apollonia Radermecher and two other laywomen. They had already dedicated their lives to caring for the sick and poor when they were asked to take over the

local hospital for the poor in the city of Aachen. Mother Apollonia wanted to put the care of these needy people on a firm foundation and tried to find a Religious community that would take over the running of the hospital but was unable to do so. She was instead encouraged to establish her own Religious community with two of her companions.

They received the Franciscan habit from the Franciscan Commissary General for Germany and Belgium and began a new Religious community, following the Third Order Regular Rule of St. Francis of Assisi. They took as their patroness St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a Franciscan Third Order woman who had become a widow at age 19 and dedicated her life to service of the poor and sick. In this role as foundress, Mother Apollonia became an advocate for the poor in that city as well as providing for their needs. Only four years later, Mother Apollonia made her vows on her deathbed in 1626 and her companions continued the work and life of the community, taking in new members and spreading the community to new places. Each new convent became independent from the original motherhouse due to the conditions of travel and communication at the time. Now there are convents in many countries of Europe and in Canada, but all share the one spirit of St. Elizabeth and Mother Apollonia.

As Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, living the Gospel with joyful and humble hearts, prayer is central in our Religious life to how we respond with love to the One

Who is Love. In the daily Holy Eucharist, we offer ourselves to the Father in union with the perfect sacrifice of the Son of God and are strengthened by Jesus' own Body and Blood to share in His mission of revealing His Father's love on earth. In the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, we join the Church in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the world. We esteem this prayer as an eminent way of praising and thanking the Father and of enriching our spiritual life and apostolate.

Our spiritual life takes precedent in our daily lives with meditation on the Holy Scriptures, spiritual reading and study of sacred topics, silent prayer, and devotions such as the Rosary, communal prayer times, consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, novenas before solemnities, retreat days and annual retreat. We live in common, sharing all things with our Sisters, in order that we may witness to the Gospel of the Lord. We wear our Religious habit as a sign of our consecration to the Lord, belonging to our Franciscan family. We serve the needs of the poor as the Lord leads us to them, sent on mission by our Religious Superior to draw others to God, mindful that our union with Christ remains the living source of our service to others and that our work does not extinguish our spirit of prayer and devotion.

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Community of St. Gilbert (Gilbertines) of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter



The Companions of Saint Gilbert of Sempringham (GSmp), with spiritual roots in the Order of Sempringham founded by St. Gilbert in 1131, is a *de facto* private association of the faithful, composed of practicing Catholics who wish to grow in personal holiness through a particular devotion to the Saint. The Association is composed of a small group of men and women, who come from a variety of walks of life, who live out their vocation in an individual and voluntary obedience to a *Rule of Life*, each conducting themselves as according to the *Statutes of the Association*.

Gilbertine Companions are to persist in a unity of spirit and purpose towards the worship of God the Holy Trinity, the building up of the Kingdom of

God and the salvation of souls under the patronage of St. Gilbert of Sempringham. Not bound as a community by vows, but rather by bonds of affection, Companions live a life of individual voluntary *prayer*, *presence* and *service* to specific parishes and

neighbourhoods, according to one's station in life.

The Companions of Saint Gilbert founded *The Gilbertine Institute* — a non-profit organisation, created with the vision of facilitating a variety of educational endeavours in the province of Alberta which acknowledge parents as the primary educators of their children. The Institute provides for home education through Wisdom Homeschooling, have shared responsibility programmes, Holy House of our Lady and St. John, and Holy House of our Lady and St. Benedict, for elementary students, and the Gilbertine Academy and Villa

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Seeds of the Word



We are called to give the Word of Life so that the sons and daughters of God may grow in dignity and in their vocation as Disciples of Christ, through the liturgy, the Word of God, fraternal life, and mission. Contemplative and missionary, we seek to discover and appreciate the Seeds of the Word hidden in our hearts and lives. The Seeds of the Word Community is a contemplative and missionary Community, with the charism of announcing the Good News of Salvation to the world. The Seeds of the Word Community was founded in Brazil by Deacon Georges Bonneval and his wife Marie-Josette, in response to the call of the Most Reverend Alberto Taveira Correa. Contemplative and missionary, the Community's vocation is to make the Word of God accessible to all while nurturing the dignity of all sons and daughters of God. The community is currently present in seven countries, with several houses and missions.

To be Seeds of the Word is to participate in the mission of the Church wherever it finds itself, announcing what it contemplates and faithfully transmitting what it has received from the Lord. Our Community life is centered on contemplation and mission.

Pillars of the Charism
Prayer Life

The Word of God and Formation
Fraternal Life
The Virgin Mary
The Poor

SABBATICAL YEAR

The Sabbatical Year is a School to be made anew through the Word of God, Liturgy and Fraternal Life. A Year of healing, conversion, formation, sanctification, vocational discernment, and mission. A period to put your whole life in order. It is therapy for the soul, where you learn to have the ears of a disciple to focus on God's voice and receive the strength to follow His call.

Come and live with us in one of our houses for nine months, experiencing the graces of prayer, formation, and fraternal life on a daily basis. Allow yourself to be cared for by God and hear directly from Him what His plan of love is for your life.

SPREAD LECTIO DIVINA

The Church calls this "Lectio Divina" and recommends that we to do it daily. It is a very effective method of prayer and spiritual formation, for spiritual growth and communion with God through His Word.

The Five Steps

Reading (What does the Word say?)
Meditation (What does God say to me?)
Prayer (What is my response to God?)
Contemplation (The Word that sparks my heart)
Resolution (How am I called to live out this Word?)

Lectio Divina that as we understand it today is presented as a method of reading Scripture and has its origins in the 12th century, related to what has been called "monastic theology." After the Second Vatican Council, there was an increasing orientation toward dedication to the study and prayer of Sacred Scripture. The Lectio Divina Compendium is a daily instrument of formation, unity, and spiritual insight - through the precious monthly teachings of the Community's Founder and the daily liturgy offered by the Church. It is also a compendium of daily prayer and intercession, following the Scriptures each day, which urge us to run to announce the Word of God.

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Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood



We Sisters of the Precious Blood Sisters are a monastic community called to a MINISTRY OF PRAYER, within contemplative community life. We devote our lives to singing God's praises, both in liturgical and personal prayer. We offer ourselves on behalf of the whole human family in reparation, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving.

The monastic day comprises regular times of community prayer and work through which we support ourselves. This work consists mainly in . . .

- The distribution of altar breads to most parishes in English-speaking Canada. The altar breads are made centrally at our Hamilton monastery and
- Responding to the many people who communicate with us. The 'apostolate of the pen' is the way in which we describe this ministry and involves writing and other forms of communication with those who communicate with us, attentive especially to families at the time of special needs, illness and of death.

Our foundress was a young Canadian woman, Catherine Aurélia Caouette. Her inspiration to begin a contemplative community was carried through her Bishop. At that time, in 1861, Canada was a very young country and there were, as yet, no contemplative communities in the Canadian Church.

Catherine Aurélia was greatly inspired by her patroness, St. Catherine of Sienna, whose life was centered on devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus and who lived with a great love for the Church of her day. Jesus self-gift on the cross. His suffering and death, and now his faithful presence present in the Eucharist became the source of Catherine Aurélia's spirituality and continues to be lived by her Sisters in the church. In English-speaking Canada, we have a Motherhouse in London, ON and monasteries in Hamilton, ON and Calgary, AB.

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Sisters Announcers of the Lord



Following the fervent and enthusiastic preaching of St. Theresa, we desire to teach youngsters to follow her good example so that they will become good children of the Lord and fine citizens of society.

The Congregation of the Sisters Announcers of the Lord was founded by Bishop Ignazio Canazei after the inspiration of Monsignor Luigi Versiglia in Shiu Chow (China), 30 May 1931. The Sisters belong to the Salesian Family of Religious congregations.

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Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus



FCJs are women who companion others, walking with them through life's ups and downs, standing together at the foot of life's crosses and tragedies. Faithful companionship is our way.

Being women shapes our attitudes, actions, and reactions, as we follow the Rule of St. Ignatius and are sustained in missionary outreach by prayer, the Eucharist and by caring relationships in communal living.

The Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus, arrived in Calgary on July 26, 1885, and have been working in the Diocese of Calgary since then. The congregation was founded in France in 1820 by a young widow, Marie Madeleine d'Houet, who expressed our charism of faithful companionship and compassion in many ways. Today the Sisters are involved in education, missions, Retreat ministry and

Counselling (e.g., in the FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary), work with refugees (e.g., in the FCJ Refugee Centre in Toronto), outreach and volunteering in parishes, involvement in interfaith and inter-church work, and in anti-trafficking ministry. We work in collaboration with the laity, especially our lay associates (Companions in Mission) and with other people of good will. The mission to marginalized and oppressed people is particularly dear to our hearts, as is our work towards a more just and ecologically friendly world.

For a three-minute video, please see: <https://youtu.be/adoZf2SmA6o>

- **The sisters, Faithful companions of Jesus**, are Catholic women called by God to an international Religious Congregation of Ignatian inspiration which was founded by Marie Madeleine d'Houet in 1820. We are currently present in 14 countries (in Europe, Asia, Australia, and N. America) Our charism can be briefly described as follows:
- **FCJs are women who companion others**; walking with them through life's ups and downs, standing together at the foot of life's crosses and tragedies. Faithful companionship is our way. Being women shapes our attitudes, actions, and reactions, as we follow the Rule of St. Ignatius and are sustained in missionary outreach by prayer, the Eucharist and by caring relationships in communal living.
- **Called to be good news people**; Deeply moved by hearing the words of Jesus from the cross, 'I THIRST', our Foundress had a strong desire to proclaim by her life the good news of God's love to the people of her time. She herself was a wife, a mother, and a young widow before founding the congregation. These life experiences formed her for service in the mission of Jesus. Sharing in this mission we proclaim by service Jesus' message of love and justice - in particular with our vulnerable, oppressed, poor and/or marginalized sisters and brothers. Where possible we engage in projects which accompany, form, and protect those who live on the peripheries of society, whether abroad or at home, including participation in the struggle against human trafficking.
- **Learning and maturing through life's experiences**! As life's joys or difficulties challenge our peace, we are kept on track by engaging in discernment, i.e., by trying to see our lives as God sees them...as part of God's Plan. We discover with delight that God has been present sustaining and guiding us from the start! We help others to discover this and other life-directing practices through formal and informal education opportunities and by offering spiritual direction and retreat opportunities.
- **Striving to be in harmony with creation**: The life of our foundress shows that she had a great love of natural beauty and did her best to offer women and children, especially those who worked in the factories of post-revolution France, spaces where they could recreate, learn, and feel refreshed. She

knew that beauty heals. Collaborating with others, we look for ways – by example and by education- of living justly and sustainably, and of viewing all creatures as our 'kin' in the great family of the Creator.

- **Contemplatives in action:** Marie Madeleine shared Ignatius' appreciation of creative imagining... not only as a means to enter into scripture passages in a prayerful/contemplative way, but to envision and to labour with Christ for a more just, equitable and loving world. The cultivation in prayer of great desires conditions us to respond more fully to the grace to do great things with and for God, confiding totally in God's energizing love. This union with Christ in God is manifest in an attentive response to God's loving and active presence in all people and in all of creation. 'Keep yourself in the presence of God and call upon Him frequently.' Marie Madeleine
- **Collaboration** with all people of good will builds community, and communities build the 'Reign of God'. While fidelity to the Church is part of our charism, building community is not exclusive. Inter-church and interfaith relationships are important to us as a way of bonding with God's extended family.

Sharing has also led our congregation to establish bonds with laity in an association - 'Companions in Mission' – composed of groups of women and men who in their daily lives express in action the FCJ charism of companionship.

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Sisters of Charity of St. Louis



We are an international Congregation of apostolic Religious life of pontifical right, founded in Vannes,

France, May 25, 1803, by Marie Louise Elizabeth de Lamoignon. Faithful to our tradition, we commit ourselves to participate in the teaching mission of the church, giving special attention to people living in poverty in its various forms.

Marie Louise Elizabeth de Lamoignon chose St. Louis (King Louis IX of France) as the patron of the Congregation, took his name in religion as "Mother St. Louis", and placed the Congregation under his protection. Mother St. Louis was inspired by St. Louis for his "service to his people and his concern for those who were victims of poverty and injustice." Mother St. Louis was beatified on May 27, 2012, in Vannes, France. Blessed Louise-Elizabeth, pray for us.

The first foundation in Vannes, France was dedicated to neglected, orphaned, and homeless girls in Vannes, providing a safe home, spiritual guidance, lace-making skills, and education. More communities opened in France and then in Quebec in 1902. From Quebec three Sisters moved west to Medicine Hat in 1912 to teach at "St. Louis School".

Since 1912, the community has expanded to: Saskatchewan—Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Wilcox, Radville, Melville, Regina, Weyburn, Yorkton, and Saskatoon; Alberta—Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, and St Albert; British Columbia—New Westminster, Burnaby, Vancouver, Penticton/Oliver; Manitoba—God's River; and a Mission community in Ilo, Peru.

"Could it be on my God, that you really call us to found such charity shelters in other countries as well?

Are you calling us to that kind of apostolate?" Mother St Louis

Over the years, our Congregation has spread to many countries. At this time, we have communities in France, Quebec, Haiti, Martinique, Mexico, Mali, Senegal, Madagascar, England, New York State, and Western Canada (Calgary).

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Sisters of Divine Mercy



Our Mission is to practice mercy, proclaim mercy, and plead for mercy. By the example of Saint Faustina and Saint John Paul II's lives and writings, both have inspired and challenged us to be "Apostles of Divine Mercy" with a commitment to the spirit of the New Evangelization.

The Sisters of Divine Mercy is a Public Association of the Faithful established by Bishop Frederick Henry in the Diocese of Calgary, Alberta, Canada in 2015, the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We are both, a contemplative and active community, and we recognize the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, and obedience as a gift of The Divine Mercy, which we embrace by vow in loving response to our call to religious life.

The Blessed Sacrament is central to devotion to The Divine Mercy. We depend greatly on the presence of our Eucharistic Spouse to help us in our daily activities, and we could not live or do anything without The Divine Mercy and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy and our Mother. Our vocation to live the evangelical counsels for the glory of God, the salvation of souls, and the proclamation of God's infinite love and mercy as witnessed by the lives of our Spiritual Foundress, Saint Faustina Kowalska and our Spiritual Founder, Saint John Paul II only arises from the

graces received from the Sacred Liturgy and Eucharistic Adoration.

As Saint John Paul II says, "Only through the Eucharist is it possible to live the heroic virtues of Christianity: charity, to the point of forgiving one's enemies; love for those who make us suffer; chastity in every age and situation of life; patience in suffering and when one is shocked by the silence of God in the tragedies of history or of one's own personal existence. You must always be Eucharistic souls in order to be authentic Christians."

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"Keep me, O Lord, in a recollected spirit."

LIVE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sistersofdivinemeracy/>

Sisters of Providence of Montreal



The Sisters of Providence is an international community of women Religious, inspired and founded by Blessed Emilie Tavernier Gamelin in 1843. Today more than 700 Sisters and over 1000 Providence Associates serve people in Canada, the United States, El Salvador, Haiti, Chile, Argentina, the Philippines, Egypt, and Cameroon. While each culture is unique and the needs vary, the Sisters of Providence are united by their profound faith, total confidence in Providence, and compassion for those they serve. Our Charism is the gift of proclaiming God's Providence and compassionate love, shown by Our Mother of Sorrows, through living a creative and prophetic solidarity with the poor.

WHO WE ARE

As "women of Providence", we invest our spiritual energy and anchor our actions in the realities and the needs of the society of our time, choosing to live in solidarity with the most destitute.

WHAT WE DO

Our life as Sisters of Providence revolves around three elements: SPIRITUALITY, COMMUNITY AND MINISTRY.

OUR MISSION

To be the human face of our Provident God is to place ourselves at the service of compassionate love and prophetic solidarity with the poor. For us Sisters of Providence, the poor are those whose needs are not met, the victims of injustice, the rejected, the marginalized, and the voiceless.

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Sisters of St. Joseph (Canada)



The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada

Acting from the energy of God's love, we are women faithful to living a vision of our world as one Earth community in which all life can flourish.

We are committed, in partnership with others, to understanding and transforming divisions and to healing and reconciling relationships.

Gathered together by the love of Christ whose whole-making presence unites all of creation into one Body.

Website:

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How to Join:

<https://www.csjcanada.org/how-to-join>

Sharing Our Charism - Guided By the Spirit: <https://youtu.be/KuvlwnjGBAo>

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Sisters of Social Service



We are united in hope and dedicated to the Holy Spirit to give glory to God, to collaborate in the redeeming activity of Christ, and to witness to God's sanctifying love. With the Church and in the spirit of St. Benedict, we promote Christian social justice on behalf of the family, the poor, and the alienated.

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. Luke 4:18

The Church's first great encyclical on social justice, *Rerum Novarum*, was the seedbed of our community, the SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

Our founding members adopted the social mission of the Church as the motivating thrust of their lives. Sisters dedicated themselves to responding to the needs of those who were socially, economically, and politically powerless. They believed that they should not only work to heal the wounds of society but should spend their lives trying to change the conditions that caused those wounds.

Following the Benedictine spirituality, we draw strength from its Gospel rootedness and the principle that God is everywhere. We cherish the familial warmth of community, welcoming the stranger, and find joy in work and renewal in prayer. Our life is one of simplicity, prayerfulness, and unity in the Spirit.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit at work in us, we are a transforming presence through a variety of ministries in Canada, USA, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Philippines, Mexico, Taiwan, and Cuba. Our pioneering spirit encourages us to be creative in applying Christ's teaching and our own talents to new forms of ministering to God's people.

The Sisters of Social Service invite young women interested in spreading the Good News to others to join them in their Social and Spiritual Ministry.

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Society in the Image of the Triune God



We are called to make the community character of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit visible in the Church, and constantly improve the relationship of God with people. We are united with Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost, praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of all. This community is founded in the Pallottine tradition of spirituality.

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