



We will drink the Chalice of Love and praise You
who have done wondrous things.

Ps.116

FEAST OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

On July 1, it is our custom to renew our vows *'which express our commitment and total surrender to our Redeeming Lord.'* As we do so, we pray that we may be gifted with that love which impels us *'to courageously continue his redemptive mission'* (Constitutions 201, 204). It is our hope and prayer that our combined voices here in North America send forth an echo around the CPS world, strengthening our roots in Christ and fortifying our inner link.

So often we sisters hear the words: *our name is our mandate.* A lived Precious Blood spirituality anchors us in the paschal mystery - the wonderful gift God gives us in Christ. Robert J. Schreiter, CPPS, writes extensively on this spirituality. His words bring forth the connectedness of name and mandate. "In Precious Blood spirituality, reconciliation marks out the space between the covenant and the cross, between the center of our lives and its margins." *The covenant of our name* creates a live-giving center where we meet our God and where others can find a place of safety; *the cross of our mandate* calls us from the margins of our own lives, to attend to the marginalized who long for a touch of redeeming love. Reconciliation, inscribed within Jesus' own body, is offered to us as the gift of a new creation, a transforming power, flowing from the wounded side of Christ to form us anew. Our task is to make the connection between our spirituality and the real situations of our lives, to incarnate its practical implications in our lives, communities and ministries. To live an 'incarnated spirituality' is disturbing. It plunges us into the paschal mystery and challenges us to live a different way, to become redeeming love, to drink from the chalice of our everyday, to be blessed, broken and given in mission. This is our name; this is our mandate!

Blessings in the Precious Blood,
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