



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Our founder, Abbot Francis Pfanner, wanted us, his Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood to be totally committed to the service of Christ's redeeming love, making the Precious Blood of Christ fruitful for all.

Mission to and among people and readiness to be sent wherever the need is greatest are essential elements of our life and spirit. The legacy we received from our founder, is imbued with the Benedictine spirit. This contemplative-missionary heritage of our Founder, inspires us worldwide to commit ourselves to fulfil our religious and missionary calling of *ora et labora*, pray and work. The challenges of today speak to the heart of this our double vocation and calls us beyond the familiar to new ways of being and witnessing *in* the world and *for* the world. It also invites us to stand with Mary under the cross in ready attentiveness to God's word.

From simple beginnings in South Africa 134 years ago, our Congregation has grown and expanded through parts of Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. In response to the needs of the times, we have in recent years expanded to the Sudan and the Philippines.

So, on this World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, you might wonder what constitutes a vocation to the consecrated life. It all begins with a call. The basic meaning of a vocation is not defined by any specific role or function but is something far greater, something written on a vast canvas. It is pure gift, with God as its author and life as its subject. This call is not first and foremost to a particular role in life. It is a call to seek the face of God, a call to wholeness and holiness and to the fullness of life itself. This is the endpoint of the biblical quest: to see the face of God and live.



YOU DID NOT
CHOOSE ME,
BUT
I CHOSE YOU
AND APPOINTED YOU
so
that you might go and
BEAR FRUIT-
fruit
THAT WILL LAST...
JOHN 15:16a
Dag Hammarskjöld



Here I am
Lord
send Me
» Isaiah 6:8 «

For all that has been
THANKS
For all that will be **YES!**
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