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The All Saints Sisters of the Poor is a monastic community of diocesan right in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland. Our dedication to all the Saints inspires us to remember that it is in the company of all the Saints that we are following Jesus, even to Calvary.

We have a ministry of hospitality. We also have a ministry of providing greeting cards and holy cards, designed by our sisters.

To enter our community, one must be a Catholic woman and faithful to the Holy Father and the Catholic Church, age 21 or older, at least a high school diploma, free from canonical impediments including debts, a desire to give oneself totally to God, and with good physical and mental health. We do consider older vocations.



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APOSTLES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were founded in Viareggio, Italy in 1894 by Clelia Merloni (1861-1930). In an effort to make the heart of Christ better known, loved and served, Clelia dedicated the Congregation to the loving Heart of Jesus. Mother Clelia gathered a small group of women who would serve the Church, especially the poor and suffering out of zeal and reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Within a few years, the Apostles set out for the Americas to assist the Italian emigrants. From these humble beginnings, the Congregation has grown to over 1,000 sisters on five continents.

The sisters spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by personal and communal witness to the Gospel, commitment to growth in holiness, and ministry to the people of God.

As consecrated women of the Church, they imitate the life of Christ in the world today through education, health care, pastoral ministry, retreat and youth ministry, social services and missionary activity. An international Congregation, they serve in the United States, Italy, Albania, Switzerland, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Haiti, Philippines, Mozambique, Benin, and Taiwan.

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CARMELITE SISTERS OF THE AGED AND INFIRM

Through a life of prayer, mission, and community, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm seek to render loving service to the elderly in the spirit of the foundress, Mother M. Angeline Teresa.

The Carmelite spirit encompasses genuine compassion for the aged, seeking to provide the highest quality care in a home-like, loving atmosphere. Founded in 1929, the Carmelite Sisters currently staff twenty nursing homes in eight states and Ireland, with approximately 160 sisters striving to share joyfully and generously the Gospel message and bring Christ's love and healing to the aged and infirm entrusted to their care.

Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm have convents in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Massachusetts, Iowa, Florida, and Dublin, Ireland.

Admission requirements: young women generally between the ages of 18 and 40 in good physical and mental health who have a high school diploma or its equivalent, plus a sincere desire to serve Christ through a ministry to the elderly.



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The Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese strive to imitate the life of Jesus through Mary, Mother of Carmel, with love and active prayer wedded to contemplative action. We endeavor to combine the contemplative and active life in the missionary spirit of our founder, Father Edward Soler.

We are united daily in the celebration of the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours. We devote time each day to personal prayer especially prayer for priests. As women of faith and hope in eternal life, we zealously seek to witness the presence of God in the person of Jesus Christ through prayer, compassionate concern for others, and vowed community life.

Currently, our sixteen sisters undertake a wide variety of ministries. Our sisters serve others in educational programs on all levels, in parishes, serving the homeless, as well as in the maintenance and domestic occupations which support communal living.

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CARMELITE SISTERS OF THE DIVINE HEART OF JESUS

The Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus (D.C.J.) were founded in 1891 in Berlin, Germany, to bring the contemplative spirit of Carmel into the active apostolate with the aim of drawing all souls to Christ and thereby consoling His Sacred Heart. Their charism has a deeply contemplative dimension. The life of a Carmelite is one devoted to penance, reparation, silence, and, most importantly, seeking union with God in prayer. In addition to chanting the Divine Office four times a day in community, their way of life also calls them to a half hour of silent contemplative prayer before the tabernacle in both the morning and the evening, a time to simply remain in His presence and love.

From this prayer flows their active works, which as Carmelites D.C.J. takes the form of being mothers who provide homes of love for the old and the young where they can be close to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and experience daily His love for them. All they do, whether in active works or in prayer, is done in a spirit of reparation and with a burning desire for the salvation of souls.



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CARMELITE SISTERS OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF LOS ANGELES

B*eing at the service of the family for life...* This philosophy is at the heart of the mission of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles, a vibrant, thriving community of women dedicated to serving God's people. It is a God-given mission, a mission of the heart, a mission of loving service, which overflows from each sister's profound life of prayer.

Venerable Mother Maria Luisa Josefa of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Foundress of our Community, began her dream of uniting the spirit of Carmel with an active apostolate in her native Mexico in 1921. Ninety years later, 137 sisters follow in her footsteps. Our life is characterized by a life of prayer and union with God, a deep love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and devotion to our Blessed Mother. Today we move forward together "Educating for Life with the Mind and Heart of Christ" through infant care to high schools, being "At the Service of the Family for Life" through health and eldercare and "Fostering a Deeper Spiritual Life" through individual and group retreats.

Young women ages 18 to 35, with good physical and mental health, who desire to live a deep union with God through prayer, a strong fraternal life in community, and apostolic charity may seek entrance.

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COMMUNITY OF FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE RENEWAL

The Community of the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal is a public association of the faithful which was established in 1988 as a parallel Community to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The aim of the community is to live the Gospel in simplicity according to the ideals of St. Francis, as handed on by the Capuchin tradition. The values uniting the sisters are: a strong prayer life, after our commitment to prayer, our commitment to community life is of utmost importance. Flowing from these, the sisters' two-fold apostolic mission is "hands-on" work with the poor, and evangelization.

We currently have three convents in New York City, where we were founded, a mission in Leeds, England and a mission in Drogheda, Ireland.



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CONGREGATION OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE WORLD

The Congregation of Mary, Queen originated as the “Lovers of the Holy Cross of Bui-Chu” which was founded in Vietnam in 1670 by Bishop Pierre Lambert de la Motte. We were erected in 1953 as a religious institute of diocesan right.

Jesus, the filial Son of the Father and of Mary, is our model. We learn a life of spiritual childhood and to offer ourselves to God through Mary by means of chastity, poverty, and obedience. Our life in community is balanced between prayer, work, and recreation.

Our prayer life includes daily participation in the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Hours, meditation, spiritual reading, rosary, and personal prayer. We work in schools, childcare centers, parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, and charity centers for the poor, refugees, and immigrants.

Entrance requirements are a sincere desire to give oneself totally to God and to serve those in need, adequate physical, mental, and spiritual health, 18 years of age or older.

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CONGREGATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

The Congregation of the Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi was established in 1894 in Hungary by Mother Anna Brunner. The goal of our religious life is sanctification of its members by the keeping of the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and service to the poor, sick, and abandoned brothers and sisters. Our apostolic service is adapted to circumstances of place and time. Presently, we are serving our brothers and sisters in our mission hospital: Mercy – St. Francis Hospital in Missouri and at St. Joseph Nursing Home, Lacon, Illinois. We strive to imitate St. Francis in his poverty and humility.

Our daily life includes the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, adoration, rosary, meditation, and personal prayer.

If God is calling you to the religious life and you feel drawn to our charism, we invite you to contact us. Good physical health is necessary and age range of 18 to 40. We hope to welcome you in our community of the Daughters of St. Francis.



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CONGREGATION OF THE DIVINE SPIRIT

The Congregation of the Divine Spirit is an American community founded by Archbishop John Mark Gannon of Erie, Pennsylvania, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1956, with Mother Patricia O'Connor as founding superior in response to Pope Pius XII's appeal that communities adapt themselves to the needs of the times. Our community motto, "Semper et Ubique Caritas" (Always and Everywhere Charity) expresses our charism which manifests itself in our community life and in our apostolate.

The special mission of our congregation is to aid in the spiritual growth of the Christian family through the ministries of education and care for the aged. Our motherhouse is presently in the Diocese of Youngstown, and we continue to serve in the Diocese of Erie.

In our community lies a joyful spirit of belonging, of sharing in prayer, work, and recreation. Herein exists a bond of love with those who share the same goals and ideals of life-time giving for Christ.

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CONGREGATION OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

Our congregation is dedicated to serving Christ and His Church by doing all for the glory of God through the sanctification of our members and apostolates. Established in the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska on May 4th, 1999, the community traces its roots to its mother community, the Congregation of Mary, Queen of the World in Saigon, Vietnam (now Ho Chi Minh City).

We live our charism of the evangelical spiritual childhood, laid out by our founder, Father Bernard Maria Bui Khai-Hoan, CMC, in which we recognize the privilege to be children of God as Jesus expressed by His filial love and as He taught, “Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.” (Mt 18:3). We find examples to live our charism in St. Therese of the Child Jesus, and in the true devotion to Mary according to St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort.

As Missionary Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy, we strive to extend the love of Mary, Queen of Mercy to everyone we serve. We engage in the apostolates of pastoral care, education, childcare, health care, and social work.

We welcome young women who are in good physical and mental health, are at least 18 years of age, and have an ardent desire to serve Christ and His Church.



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CONGREGATION OF THE NORBERTINE SISTERS

Our community in Wilmington, California was founded in 2011 by the General House of the Congregation of Norbertine Sisters based in Slovakia. The congregation was originally founded in 1902 in the Czech Republic by Fr. Vojtech Frejka, to renew the Norbertine way of life in the region. In the spirit of St. Norbert, the congregation has sought to maintain a balance between liturgical prayer, zeal for souls, and the contemplative spirit.

As Norbertines, we are not bound to any specific apostolate, but in the spirit of St. Norbert, we are prepared for every good work. Our life is centered around daily Mass, praying the Divine Office, and a Eucharistic holy hour.

We serve needy families by operating a poverty program, working in the bookstore and sacristy, and teaching catechism and confirmation classes.

The candidate must be healthy in body and mind, single (never married), and between the ages of 18 and 30. We offer days of recollection for young women and monthly holy hours at the convent in Wilmington.

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CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a perpetually professed member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which was founded in Warsaw, Poland in 1862.

We cooperate with the infinite mercy of God by proclaiming the message of Divine Mercy to the men and women of our time, by imploring God's mercy for the world through prayer and sacrifice, and by extending mercy to those in need.

We seek to fulfill our mission in the Church, which Pope John Paul II confirmed when visiting our shrine in Cracow in 1997, saying:

“Choosing from among you Sister Faustina, Christ ... has called you to a particular apostolate, that of His Mercy. ... The people of today need your proclamation of mercy; they need your works of mercy, and they need your prayers to obtain mercy.”

If you feel called to make the merciful Jesus known and loved, and are between the ages of 18 and 35, please contact us.



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CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, MOTHER OF CHRIST

The I.H.M. Sisters is an institute of pontifical right with headquarters in Nigeria, and a North American Regional House located in Freeport, Illinois. The Institute was founded in 1937 by Bishop Charles Heerey, C.S.Sp. to respond to the mission of the Church by empowering women and children and upholding family values. The religious community obtained papal statutes in 1973 as a missionary institute, whose members strive to imitate Christ's humble and compassionate service to humanity.

In keeping with its missionary nature, members minister in many countries: Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Cameroun, T-Chad, Italy, England, Scotland, London, Ireland, Germany, Canada, and in eleven U.S. states.

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DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE CHARITY

The Daughters of Divine Charity is an international congregation serving throughout Europe, Africa, North and South America. Mother Franziska Lechner, founded our Congregation in Vienna, Austria on November 21, 1868. Franziska felt a strong call to religious life which led her to establish our congregation of love. We profess the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience as a witness to the world of our fidelity and consecration to God. Our motto “All for God, for the Poor and for Our Congregation” embodies our charism. The mission statement of Holy Family Province is to “make God’s love visible in the world by reaching out to those in need, especially to women, youth and the elderly.” Franziska’s legacy continues through her sisters who in prayer, community life, and service strive to be a source of hope, a credible sign of God’s goodness and unconditional love through their ministries of: education, residences for the elderly, young women, parish life, the deaf, and retreat centers for spiritual renewal.

Will you answer His call and become a part of our family who serve the archdioceses of New York and Detroit and the dioceses of Cleveland, Fort Wayne/South Bend and San Diego?



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DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE

The Daughters of Divine Love Congregation is a religious congregation of women of the pontifical right, in which its members profess the public vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience; and dedicate themselves to contemplation and apostolic work. Bishop Godfrey Mary Paul Okoye, C.S.Sp., founded the congregation on July 16, 1969, at Ukpok in Nigeria, West Africa.

The charism of the congregation is a generous loving response to Divine Love Incarnate. The compelling motive of this order must be an ardent response to God's call to love Him and others. The motto of the congregation is: "Caritas Christi, Urget Nos!" (The Love of Christ, Urges Us On!) In keeping with the founder's vision the diverse apostolate of the congregation provides services in every walk of life where the manifestation of God's love is needed. Currently this includes: catechesis, education, health care, prison and home visitation, social work, counseling, parish assistance, catering and domestic services, assistance to persons who have varied challenges (mentally and physically), and persons who are elderly.

The Daughters of Divine Love Congregation minister in Cameroon, Mali, Kenya, Gabon, Nigeria, Cuba, Haiti, Germany, Italy, France, Jamaica, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

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DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE ZEAL

The Daughters of Divine Zeal, are vowed women called by the love of God to live their baptismal consecration and to journey continually toward perfect charity. Their founder Saint Hannibal Maria DiFrancia's charism is to obey Christ's command, "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest (Mt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2)," forms their distinct spirituality. With a fourth vow, the sisters offer their lives as a prayerful oblation to God for the sanctification and increase of priests and religious and for the propagation of holy vocations. The sisters get their strength to fulfill their consecration through participation at Mass, praying the Divine Office, daily prayer for vocations, rosary, meditations, spiritual readings, Eucharistic adoration, stations of the cross, personal prayers, and community life.

The Daughters of Divine Zeal's apostolate expands to all ministries in the Church throughout the world. They work in parishes, schools, retreat houses, orphanages, nursing homes, hospitals, day care center, cenacles of prayers for vocations, food/nutrition centers, training centers in domestic arts, missions, homes for deaf and dumb, and among people of various ages especially the youth.

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DAUGHTERS OF MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS (SALESIAN SISTERS)

The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, also known as the Salesian Sisters, are dedicated to educating youth of all ages, serving the poor, and assisting women at risk. The community, which numbers over 12,000 world-wide, is the largest community of women religious in the world.

At the heart of our mission as Salesian consecrated women is our commitment to education and formation. Every Salesian Sister entrusts her life to God for the salvation of young people.

Our spirituality is centered on the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, devotion to Mary Help of Christians, and fidelity to the Holy Father.

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DAUGHTERS OF MARY MOTHER OF MERCY

The Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy (D.M.M.M.) is an institute of apostolic religious life of pontifical right founded in 1961 by the late Bishop Anthony Gogo Nwedo, C.S.Sp. in Nigeria.

Our aim is to work for the glory of God, the honor of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, the holiness of its members, and for the salvation of souls by the observance of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The charism of the congregation is to bear witness to the mercy of God, by following in the footsteps of Christ, the merciful Savior and Mary our Mother of Mercy. Our motto is “evangelizare pauperibus misere me” (“He sent me to bring the good news to the poor”).

As sisters of mercy, we take Jesus to the poor people of God, especially the sick, the aged, the orphans, the underprivileged, and the spiritually impoverished. Our participation in education is simply to bring Jesus to the spiritually, morally and intellectually poor. In all this, we seek assistance from Our Lady of Mercy.

Today, we have missions in various countries of Africa and Europe, as well as in the United States and Canada.



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DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE GARDEN

Since their foundation in Chiavari, Italy, on January 29, 1829, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden have been spreading their charism of evangelical vigilant charity suggested by their founder, Bishop St. Anthony Gianelli.

They carry out their apostolate in Italy, Spain, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Brazil, India, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United States and Papua New Guinea.

The sisters cultivate a profound devotion to the Eucharist and a great love to the Blessed Virgin Mary who is their mother and model. They live a simple and prayerful life open to God and the needs of their brothers and sisters in schools, hospital, social services, missions as well as in parish and youth ministries.

Interested women ages 18 to 45 with good physical, psychological, moral, and mental health who want to live community life, participate in the daily Mass, prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and experience the joy of a life dedicated to God and to the service of others are welcome.

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DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

In 1946, Bishop Dominic Hồ Ngọc Cẩn founded our congregation for evangelization and catechesis in the Diocese of Bui Chu, North Vietnam. The first house in the United States was situated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1967 where the sisters ministered and attended school. To assist the pastoral needs of the Vietnamese immigrants, the sisters completed the transition to the South in 1986. In October 2003, the 18th General Chapter restructured the congregation's governance, establishing Queen of Peace Province in the United States with provincial headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana.

With special devotion to the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of the Rosary, we strive to immerse our lives in the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious mysteries of salvation and proclaim the grace of redemption to all. We continue the mission of Jesus through various ministries: education, healthcare, parish ministry, and social work. Presently, our sisters serve in Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Thailand, and Vietnam.

We welcome young ladies between the ages of 17 and 30 to join in our call of living the mysteries of salvation and proclaiming the grace of redemption to all.



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DAUGHTERS OF ST. MARY OF PROVIDENCE

The religious congregation of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence was founded in 1881 by Saint Louis Guanella. The Daughters of St. Mary of Providence live their religious consecration, professing the three vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience in a communion of life with each other. Faithful to the magisterium of the Church, the sisters spread the “culture of charity,” giving witness to the value of human life from conception to natural death and to the merciful love of Christ toward all.

The sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province serve the Church and the people of God in: health care facilities for senior citizens, assisted living arrangements, low income housing for seniors, soup kitchen and food disbursement programs for the homeless, residential and day programs for developmentally disabled adults, diocesan youth and religious education programs, pastoral ministry, education, ministry of the Pious Union of St. Joseph, and situations of need as divine providence presents.

The Daughters of St. Mary of Providence serve the Church in fourteen countries around the world: Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Romania, India, the Philippines, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

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DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

Founded by Blessed James Alberione in 1915 to take up the modern means of communication for the Gospel and the Church, the Daughters of St. Paul bring Jesus Christ to humanity in more than 50 countries.

The life goal of the Daughters of St. Paul is the same as our father, St. Paul the Apostle: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ living in me" (Galatians 2:20).

We are an apostolic community - we proclaim what we have contemplated. Meeting Christ in the Word and the Eucharist through daily Mass, meditation, community prayer and our hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, we proclaim Him to the world through print and e-publishing, radio, internet, social media, music, video, apps, our book and media centers, and media education seminars.

To apply one must be between the ages of 18 and 30. Good physical and mental health are required. Come and See programs are offered, as well as the St. Paul Summer Program for high school women, to provide an experience of our media mission, spirituality, and community life.



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DIOCESAN SISTERS OF MERCY OF PORTLAND

Venerable Catherine Mc Auley, under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of Mercy, founded the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in 1831 for the care of the poor, sick, and ignorant. The Congregation of the Diocesan Sisters of Mercy of Portland was established as an independent religious institute in July 1991.

Called by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in giving glory to the Father, the sisters respond by vowing to live the evangelical councils of chastity, poverty and obedience in an ecclesial community. Sensitive to the need for a ministry of Mercy in the world today, the sisters, through a fourth vow, serve the poor, sick and ignorant. They commit themselves to grow in the love and likeness of Christ and to live a life of gospel witness. Sustained by prayer and their lives in community, they experience the mercy of God and share it with those in need.

All four houses of the community are located in the Diocese of Portland, Maine where the sisters minister in Catholic education, education to the Native Americans, ministry to the poor through social action, and service to the sick through visitation.

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DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, is a diocesan, charismatic, Franciscan contemplative community with evangelistic apostolates. Founded in 1972, they follow the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi.

The sisters' ministries include retreats for adults and youth, parish missions, teachings for prayer groups, and evangelistic outreaches throughout the world.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 40 and in good physical and emotional health, with a willingness to follow the Lord wherever He leads.



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DOMINICAN SISTERS CONGREGATION OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Commonly known as the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, our community was founded in 1900 by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, a convert to Catholicism and the daughter of the author, Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Our apostolate is to provide nursing care to those afflicted with incurable cancer, who are unable to afford nursing care elsewhere. Our homes are free of charge and the sisters provide direct patient care.

Following the Dominican charism, we live in community combining a contemplative life and an active life in a continual movement between the Chapel and our patients. In the chapel, we are spiritually nourished and present in prayer the needs of our patients. From the chapel we go back to our patients with whom we share the fruits of our encounters with Christ. We preach by the witness of our life, individual and communal.

We have three homes in the United States: Hawthorne, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Atlanta, Georgia.

Applicants must be in good physical, mental, and emotional health. Education or work for at least one year after high school is recommended. Age requirements are at least 19 years of age and no older than 50.

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF CHARITY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We are called to follow Christ in the total gift of our being according to the charism of Blessed Marie Poussepin, “to live and die in the service of the Church, in the exercise of charity.” (Constitution)

We are an international, multi-cultural missionary community of vowed religious sisters following the footsteps of Saint Dominic in 36 countries. Our Dominican life is both active contemplation and contemplative action dedicated to prayer, study, community and ministry.

We are attentive to the call of the Church since 1696 and we serve the poor in education, health care and social justice/pastoral ministry. We are engaged in charitable work worldwide to sow seed of hope and give voice to the cry of the poor.

Our U.S. community serves in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and the dioceses of Fall River, Massachusetts and Brownsville, Texas. We also serve in the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central America.



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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

The Dominican Sisters of Divine Providence is a contemplative-active community. Their main purpose as religious is to be deeply immersed in God through a serious prayer life. The specific work of the community is the spreading of the Kingdom of God through the apostolate of teaching.

Their apostolate work of teaching flows from, alternates with, and is sustained by their prayer life. In a joyful and relaxing atmosphere, they work together, share their gifts, and recognize and appreciate each other's contributions and uniqueness.

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE PROVINCE

Founded in 1958, the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province traces its roots to Vietnam. Born out of St. Dominic's zeal eight centuries ago, the Dominican sisters joyfully strive to glorify God through faithfully preaching the truth for the salvation of souls.

Living the Dominican motto "to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of our contemplation," we are committed to Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic adoration, the holy rosary, common life, on-going studies and apostolic ministries as Catholic educators, catechists, and home healthcare nurses.

Currently with 99 members, the Dominican sisters joyfully dedicate themselves by serving in 10 parishes, 15 schools and three home-health agencies throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Dioceses of Beaumont, Victoria, and Fort Worth, Texas.

Any Catholic women, between the ages of 18 and 35, who desire to make history with us in loving and serving God are welcome to apply.



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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

Our community was founded in 1997 under the care of John Cardinal O'Connor. Through the profession of the evangelical counsels, we seek to embody the graces of the new evangelization, which Saint John Paul II announced as “the prelude to a new springtime in the Church.” The spiritual identity of fraternal life in community is shaped by our Dominican spirituality with emphasis on Eucharistic adoration and Marian devotion.

The sisters gather for daily prayer which includes the Holy Mass, the Divine Office, a Eucharistic holy hour, the rosary, renewal of Marian Consecration according to Saint Louis de Montfort, and prayer for vocations. The sisters are contemplative first and foremost. The overflow of this contemplative union with Christ finds encouragement from Saint Dominic’s missionary zeal, which raises up preachers of truth for the purpose of preaching the Gospel. The sisters engage in the work of Catholic education and hold high expectations of academic and spiritual excellence in the schools where we teach.

The community has eight years of initial formation before final profession. Candidates must have a high school education and be less than 35 years of age.

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DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

Eight centuries ago, Saint Dominic de Guzman founded a new religious order whose contemplative framework was to support its active mission of preaching for the salvation of souls. Today, the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia Congregation live out this mission through a life of prayer, study and community, which nourishes a contemplative spirit and bears fruit in their teaching apostolate.

In the spirit of Saint Dominic, the community embraces the Church's call to the new evangelization, responding creatively to the needs of our time. The sisters' apostolate includes classroom teaching preschool through college; family formation programs; campus ministry and work with young people; retreats and other catechetical efforts that encourage growth in faith and in the spiritual life.

Serving in 15 U.S. states, and in Canada, Australia, Italy, Scotland, the Netherlands and Ireland, the sisters seek to inspire students and their families to form a living relationship with Christ, actively embracing the Church's mission to engage and transform the culture with the saving truths of the Gospel.

Founded in 1860 in Nashville, Tennessee, the Congregation of Saint Cecilia today numbers 300 Sisters. The community seeks to witness a joyful fidelity to the Church, devotion to Christ in the Eucharist and to his Blessed Mother, and zeal for teaching the truth.



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DOMINICAN SISTERS, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE

Our community was founded in Poland in 1861 by Mother Columba Bialecka, who saw the need to preach the Gospel through serving those in need of education, catechesis, and health care. Inspired by the example of Saint Dominic and Saint Catherine of Siena, we live common life, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, and study as sources of our strength and inspiration for preaching the Word of God.

Sisters are present on four continents, working in Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Siberia, Italy, Cameroon, and Canada. In the United States, we have houses in Justice, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mountain Home, Arkansas and Columbus, Ohio. Sisters teach in schools, catechize in parishes, run day care programs, take care of elders in nursing homes, run a retreat house and do parish ministry.

Applicants must have at least a high school diploma and be in good physical, mental, and emotional health. The age limit for applicants is 18 to 35.

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FRANCISCAN DAUGHTERS OF MARY

The Franciscan Daughters of Mary are contemplative/active missionaries who serve Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Author of Life with joyful simplicity in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. In addition to the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, we profess a fourth vow to uphold the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death. We are zealous lovers of Our Lord Jesus and are committed to loving everyone He loves.

Our apostolates include a pregnancy care center, which encourages women to make good choices in their pregnancies and good choices in their lives, and provides spiritual and material support for needy moms, as well as parenting classes for both mothers and fathers. At our mission, we also have a food pantry for the poor and a free medical clinic for the uninsured.

As sisters committed to pro-life issues, we are dedicated to the building up of the family, especially the family of the Church through our prayers for priests and an increase of holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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FRANCISCAN HANDMAIDS OF THE MOST PURE HEART OF MARY

The Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary was founded as a Marian community in Savannah, GA in 1916 by Rev. Ignatius Lissner, S.M.A. and Mother Mary Theodore Williams, the first superior general of the community. In 1930, the congregation was established as a Third Order Regular Franciscan order.

Our primary purpose is to give praise and glory to God with a mission of uplifting human dignity, educating minds, nourishing body and soul, and relieving suffering. Our life is centered on the Gospel of Christ and the holy Eucharist as a sacrament of unity and transformation.

Our ministry includes education, social service, parish ministry, pastoral care, rural health care, and youth and family ministry in serving homeless children and parents.

We accept single women between the ages of 19 and 40. Applicants should have an attraction to the four TOR Franciscan religious life values, not have been in another religious community (except a transfer of religious), good mental, emotional and physical health, two years of college or possession of a professional skill, and the ability to be bilingual (English, Spanish, French, and Italian).

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FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

His Excellency Rafael Palazzi, O.F.M., Bishop of Hengyang, Hunan, started this community in 1939 in China. The sisters are committed to the new evangelization inspired by Saint John Paul II and witness to Jesus Christ among people where the Gospel has not been fully accepted. They are motivated by the missionary zeal that Bishop Palazzi fostered. Their life is patterned on the Christ-like model of Saint Francis in joyful poverty, simplicity, and love for the Church, drawing encouragement and strength from Mary, the co-redemptrix of the human race.

The sisters have missions in Hong Kong, Taiwan, British Columbia, and the United States. Apostolic works include catechetics, retreat ministry, education, pastoral ministry, and care of the sick and underprivileged.

Entrance requirements are: a high school diploma or GED, good physical and mental health, and a desire to consecrate oneself to God and His service. Age limit is 45.



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FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE INFANT JESUS

As Franciscans we strive to live joyfully and simply, loving “Jesus in our neighbor and our neighbor in Jesus.” Founded by Barbara Micarelli on Christmas day 1879, we find in Jesus the origin and reason of the charity, poverty, and humility to which the Franciscan life pledges us.

We remain open to the needs of the Church and of the people throughout the five continents on which we serve, especially in the areas of education, health care, pastoral ministry, retreats, and youth work.

We invite all women between the ages of 20 and 35 to “Come and See” if the Lord is calling you to share our Franciscan life and joy!

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FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

The Franciscan Missionaries of the Sacred Heart were founded in 1861 by the French Duchess, Laura Leroux de Beaufremont and Reverend Gregory Fioravanti, O.F.M., whose cause for canonization is presently in progress with the Holy See. At the request of the Franciscan Fathers, three sisters came to America to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, New York City in 1865, and the community continues its service in the United States.

Founded mainly for evangelization through caring for the poor, the sisters teach on elementary and high school levels, minister in social work, nursing, prisons, and various other programs in New York and New Jersey.

The sisters' missionary work takes them to Italy, France, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Cyprus, Turkey, Lebanon, Bulgaria, Albania, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Cameroon, Republic of Central Africa, Congo, India, and the Philippines.

As vowed women, the sisters live the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi drawing inspiration from the compassionate, redemptive love of Jesus for all people. The sisters share in community life of prayer, penance, and apostolic activity.



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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER

Founded in 1981 by five Franciscan sisters, we are a community devoted to building the Catholic community through education and apostolic works, spreading Christ's love, peace and joy. We teach in all areas of Catholic education.

Although a small group, we grow in love for one another through genuine community life according to the directives of Vatican II, while embracing the Church's magisterium in total fidelity to the Holy Father and his plan for the new evangelization of the Church and society. We live simple Franciscan lives following the Gospel counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience through a joyous common life and corporate commitments.

Women 21 to 35 years of age, who possess a pioneering spirit, are committed to genuine Catholic culture, and willing to rely on Divine Providence are encouraged to contact us.

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

In 1869, five young Catholic women in rural Wisconsin responded to God's call, inspired by Saint Francis of Assisi's Gospel way of life.

Today, the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity strive to live the Gospel in simplicity, built on faith in a loving God; joyful acceptance of poverty, love for the Church, and selfless dedication to the service of others in Arizona, Hawaii, Ohio, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. Together they serve in rewarding roles in Catholic education, Catholic healthcare, and in other ministries in the Church.

The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.



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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF DILLINGEN

As followers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen in Hankinson, North Dakota, are a joyful group of women, consecrated to God by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, living in community. With a rich history, these Franciscan Sisters make up the North American Province of the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen, an international congregation which traces its origin to 1241 in Bavaria, Germany.

Relying on God's providence, the sisters praise and adore Him while serving the needs of the Church on the prairies of North Dakota. As women of prayer, they continue the tradition of the founding sisters and take seriously requests for prayer from around the world.

The sisters' apostolic works include retreat work, serving in a rural nursing home with independent living, childcare and preschool, serving adults in a large assisted living facility, health care services and board membership on several CHI healthcare facilities, teaching in parish schools and religious education programs, pro-life work, and working with the youth.

The Franciscan Sisters have close ties with their sisters throughout the world in Germany, Brazil, India and Spain.

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

We are a contemplative active community founded in 2006 in Peoria, Illinois. According to the example of John the Baptist, we strive to live our charism of trusting God in profound humility. We live a strong and joyful community life rooted in the celebration of the Eucharist from which we draw strength for our apostolate and a life of sacrifice. We pray the Liturgy of the Hours in common, as well as, the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, and other prayers. Our life balances prayer, work, and recreation. We serve our brothers and sisters according to the needs of the Church in the fields of healthcare, education, and diocesan ministries. An indispensable part of our consecrated life is dedication to prayer and support of priests and seminarians.

Applicants must have adequate physical and mental health, sufficiently mature personality, good judgment, and common sense. They should be between the ages of 18 and 35 and have a high school diploma.



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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist were founded in 1973 and received full pontifical status in 1982. The sisters endeavor to integrate the perennial values of the Catholic Church, the centering power of the Holy Eucharist, the spirituality of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, and the need for bonding in community in order to meet the demands of the contemporary apostolate.

Dedicated to the sacredness of human life and the inviolability of the human person, the community carries out this mission through programs of counseling, education, health care, music, land experience, technology and service to the family and the elderly.

The motherhouse is in Meriden, Connecticut, with centers in Michigan, Minnesota, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, California, Indiana, Jerusalem, Assisi, and Rome.

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE

We are a contemplative-active religious institute of pontifical right founded in 1985 by Father Stefano Maria Manelli and Father Gabriele Maria Pelletieri. What distinguishes our institute is the Marian vow of unlimited consecration to the Immaculate that animates and permeates the three classic vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity.

The institute was pontifically approved by Saint John Paul II in 1998. We currently have approximately 500 members in 50 communities throughout the world.

As a result of our Marian vow, our apostolate focuses on giving Mary to souls, in order that she may bring all souls to Jesus.

The candidate must be healthy in body and mind, single (never married), and between the ages of 18 and 35. No college education is necessary.



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FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

We are an international Franciscan religious congregation of women founded in India, in the year 1844 by Rev. Fr. Louis Savinien Dupuis, a French Missionary. He inculcated preferential love for the poor, simplicity of life, and zeal for the education of women as the special objective of the congregation. By these, he wanted to nurture Christian piety in families. The congregation is primarily placed under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the sisters foster a special devotion to the Immaculate Heart and imitate the virtues symbolized by it.

We are engaged in a variety of apostolic activities wherever humanity is in need of a wholesome Christian assistance and development: education, healthcare, nursing homes, home for the elderly, social service centers, etc. Like the life of Saint Francis, the Sisters strive for a life of generous personal commitment to follow the simple and poor Christ of the Gospel.

Our first foundation in the United States was established on November 12, 1998, in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Indiana. We now have six convents and 21 sisters in the United States.

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FRANCISCAN SISTERS T.O.R. OF PENANCE OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

Founded in 1988 in the diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, we are contemplative penitents committed to works of mercy and evangelization. We strive to make known God's merciful love through the rhythm of our life of prayer, work, and ministry. Our charisms include contemplation, poverty, mercy, and crucified love. Our apostolates include service to the poor, campus ministry, spiritual direction, nursing home care, and periodic outreach.

We participate in daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, two daily holy hours, Liturgy of the Hours, the rosary, the divine mercy chaplet, praise and worship, and hermitage days.

We have locations in the following cities: Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery, Toronto, Ohio (Motherhouse); Heart of Mary, Steubenville, Ohio (inner-city); Santa Chiara, Franciscan University of Steubenville, main campus; Greccio, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Austrian campus, and St. Elizabeth, Tallahassee, Florida (close to Florida State University).



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HANDMAIDS OF THE HEART OF JESUS

The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus (Ancillae Cordis Jesu) live in imitation of Mary as handmaid, virgin, bride, and mother in the diocesan life of the Church, carrying out the new evangelization in parishes. To this end, we profess vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, living a contemplative-active consecrated life of humble service to the Heart of Jesus.

As diocesan sisters, we bring a feminine consecrated presence to parishes. Our apostolates include catechesis/faith formation, youth ministry, family life/marriage preparation, liturgy coordination, liturgical music, sacristy work, visitation of the sick and elderly, and education in Catholic schools.

The Handmaids were established as a public association of the lay faithful in 2010 in the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, with the intention of becoming a religious community of diocesan right.

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INSTITUTE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Our institute was founded by Mother Maria Teresa Scilli, born in Tuscany, Italy in 1825.

Our spirituality is to search for union with God, living in His presence in allegiance to Jesus Christ, by imitating the Blessed Virgin Mary, and by integrating the contemplative with the apostolic life.

Our charism is to lead souls to God in a spirit of charity and prayer. Consequently, our work is the moral, Christian, and civil instruction and education of youth from their tenderest years through adolescence. Added to this, the institute offers assistance to the sick in hospitals and clinics and to the elderly in homes for the aged.

The institute also carries out these works in mission lands. The countries where our sisters carry out our apostolate are Italy, Poland, Brazil, India, the Czech Republic, Canada, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

We receive candidates up to 35 years old. In some cases, exceptions can be made. Those admitted to the postulancy and aspirancy should be at least 17 years of age and ordinarily should have successfully completed the years of schooling required in her country.



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LEAVEN OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a female religious institute of consecrated life. The members, while living together in common to follow Christ and striving for the perfection of charity, endeavor to contribute for the sanctification of mankind by working for the conversion of the broken families, youth, and their parish. By praying, sacrificing, and atoning for their sins, they work for the glory of Jesus Christ and the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The main charisms are victimhood, Eucharistic centeredness, and Marian charismatic. The apostolate includes house-to-house enthronements to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, First Friday/First Saturday Communion of Reparation Vigils, Mary Help of Christians Crusade youth groups, daycare, and distance online home education.

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LITTLE SISTER SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Blessed Edmund Bojanowski, a deeply spiritual man and lay apostle, founded our religious congregation of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1850 in Poland, to support his works of mercy.

Inspired by his outstanding love of God and neighbor and filial devotion to Mary Immaculate, we seek the glory of God above all, and follow in the footsteps of the chaste, poor, and obedient Christ. We serve the neighbor most in need of spiritual and material help, especially children, the poor, the sick, and the elderly. Strengthened by the Eucharist and the example of Mary, the humble handmaid of the Lord, we strive after simplicity and mutual love in community.

As women religious, we are a gift to whomsoever we serve in the United States, Jamaica, Philippines, countries in Europe, Siberia, South Africa, and Zambia.



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LITTLE SISTERS OF JESUS AND MARY

The Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary is an active-contemplative community of religious women called to meet Christ in the Eucharist, in the poor, in one another, and in the created world. Embracing the spirituality of Br. Charles de Foucauld, we take as our mission: to “cry the Gospel with our lives.” We were founded in 1974 by Sister Mary Elizabeth Gintling in Baltimore, Maryland. She described our community as women “loving God together” and as “wounded people healing wounded people.”

We live in community with daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, adoration, service, and hospitality as the hallmarks of our life. Our apostolate includes a crisis center for the poor, which encompasses a supplemental food program, financial assistance, a soup kitchen, and a hospitality program for the homeless. Our ministry also oversees a residential program for homeless men, helping them get a new start, a representative payee program, and a good neighbor program.

We are open to women 18 years and up, happy, healthy, humble and in love with the Lord. Possessing leadership and people skills is a plus, but above all, a willing and loving heart, maturity and common sense.

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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Little Sisters of the Holy Family was established in 1996 by Mother General Domina Son, L.S.H.F. We belong to the Archdiocese of Washington. Our mission is to help Korean Americans in the United States of America.

Our community is in the beginning stages. We work at two parishes and at our assisted living facility. We also work with young adults and youth.

Our charism is to live a life modeled on the meekness and, most importantly, the love of the holy family of Nazareth, particularly seeking to embody its goals of poverty, humility, and service to the poor.



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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

We are an international congregation founded in France in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, we serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world.

Our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. This mission, which is sealed by our fourth vow of hospitality, is a witness to the Gospel of Life and a sign of the compassion and merciful love of God for his eldest children.

Continuing the charism of Saint Jeanne Jugan, we strive to live the beatitudes in littleness, joy, and trust in God's Providence. Our spiritual life is centered on Jesus present in the Eucharist and in his Word. We take Mary as our mother, our model, our joy, and our protection, and turn to St. Joseph as a spiritual father and guide.

We encourage single, Catholic women aged 18 to 40, who love the poor and seek a life of prayer, fraternal sharing, and hidden, humble service to consider if God could be calling them to join us as a Little Sister of the Poor.

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LITTLE WORKERS OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

Founded in 1894 by Monsignor Francesco Maria Greco and Mother Maria Teresa De Vincenti, the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts began its work by providing much needed education and catechesis to the poor of southern Italy.

Over time, our missions have spread to the United States, Albania, Argentina, and India where we operate schools and participate in parish programs.

The principal components of our charism are: a special consecration to the divine hearts of Jesus and Mary, evangelization in the form of religious and formal education of children and young adults, promotion and elevation of human life particularly in the charitable service to the most needy, and a rich prayer life centered in community.



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LOVERS OF THE HOLY CROSS OF LOS ANGELES

The first community of the Lovers of the Holy Cross was founded in Vietnam by a French missionary, Bishop Pierre Marie Lambert de la Motte, in 1670.

The Lovers of the Holy Cross of Los Angeles was established in 1992 in the United States. The sisters who minister in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Diocese of Orange, and the Diocese of San Bernardino, are committed to imitating Jesus Christ Crucified through a life of contemplation, sacrifice, and service. They build up the local Church and society with concern for the suffering, especially women and children, in the areas of healthcare, education, and social work.

The spirituality of the Lovers of the Holy Cross is embodied in their love for Jesus Christ Crucified on the Cross by accepting one's own cross and serving others, with a strong conviction that "in my flesh, I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the Church." (Col 1:24)

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MARIAN SISTERS OF SANTA ROSA

Founded at the invitation of Bishop Robert Vasa in 2012, the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa are a growing community of sisters praying and working for the salvation of souls in the Diocese of Santa Rosa, California. Drawing their rule from the ancient Rule of Saint Augustine, the sisters strive as a community for unity through charity and the pursuit of wisdom through learning. The contemplative spirit of the sisters, assiduously cultivated by the prayer and study of the early years of formation, feeds and sustains the sisters in their many “labors of love.” These include classroom teaching, catechetical presentations and retreats, secretarial and office duties, sacristy work, and the care of sacred linens, as well as assignments in the diocesan offices.

The spirit of the community is ecclesial, Eucharistic, and Marian. The sisters value both forms of the Latin Rite and joyfully share with others the precious heritage of our Catholic faith. They endeavor to enter with Our Lady into the mysteries of Christ’s life, consecrating themselves to Jesus according to the method of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. As faithful daughters of the Church, the sisters begin their day by adoring our Eucharistic Lord at the very heart of the Church, interceding for Her, especially for Her priests, and drawing from Him the grace to bear His light to His children.



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MARIAN SISTERS OF THE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

The Marian Sisters were established during the Marian Year, 1954, by Sister Marta Silna and Sister Theresa Gottvald, two Mercy Sisters of St. Francis from Czechoslovakia. The community's charism is joy and simplicity, flowing from a Marian spirituality and a Franciscan heritage. Apostolic works include teaching, special education, catechetical work, health care, and social work.

Marycrest Motherhouse, the sisters' headquarters and formation house, is located in a rural setting near Lincoln, Nebraska. They also have four mission houses throughout the diocese. The sisters live community life with a balance of prayer, work, and recreation. Their prayer life includes daily participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Hours, meditation, rosary, spiritual reading, stations of the cross, and private devotion.

Those seeking entrance must have a sincere desire to do God's will in all things with great love, accompanied by good physical, mental, and spiritual health.

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MERCEDARIAN SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament were founded in 1910 in Mexico City by the Servant of God Maria del Refugio Aguilar. Our mother foundress wanted us to live a life of union with Jesus within an active life. Our life is centered around the Eucharistic presence of Jesus and under the maternal embrace of Our Lady of Mercy. We are called to offer our lives in oblation to God and to become Eucharist for one another, therefore, we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every day, spend daily time in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the divine office and the holy Rosary. We have a conventual lifestyle.

We are faithful daughters of the Church who strive to spread the love of Jesus in the Eucharist around the world, especially among children and youth through education and missions. At present, we have more than 600 sisters serving in 83 schools and missions in 12 countries.

Applicants should be between the ages of 18 and 35, be in good physical and mental health, and have a great desire to love God's people, especially children and youth.



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MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

We are an international religious family completely attached to the person of Jesus and His work. Our aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for the love of souls by profession of the evangelical counsels and our fourth vow of wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor. “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to me.” (Mt. 25:40)

Worldwide, our apostolates include mobile dispensaries, homes for abandoned babies and children, and homes for the dying. In the United States, our apostolates include care for men and women dying with AIDS and the homeless and hungry, summer day camps, catechesis and after-school programs, and visiting families, shut-ins, prisons, hospitals, and nursing homes. We have 760 missions in 139 countries.

Girls desiring to join us must be between the ages of 18 and 35. They must be sufficiently mature to adopt our way of life and healthy in body and mind. They need to be of a cheerful disposition, able to exercise sound judgment, and full of common sense.

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MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY OF MARY IMMACULATE

In March 29, 1934, Venerable Fr. Moises Lira Serafin, M.Sp.S. founded our congregation of the Missionaries of Charity of Mary Immaculate. The charism of our community is spiritual childhood, as discerned by Fr. Moises Lira. He founded us to be compassionate and caring women who desire to respond to the many challenges of our present reality. We are called to contemplate the life of Christ and, like Him, to live as a child of God Our Father. In this way, we learn the meaning of the words to “trust in and abandonment to God.” This was Fr. Moises’ vision which originated in his great love for God and for others.

As his spiritual daughters, we are called to make visible the goodness of Jesus by caring for the needs of humanity. We do this through our apostolic works in education, catechetics, and health care.

Currently we are present in Mexico, Guatemala, Africa, Peru, Chile, Rome, and the United States.



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MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEO (SCALABRINIANS)

The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of St Charles Borromeo (Scalabrinians) was founded by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini in Italy on October 25, 1895. It spread initially in Brazil, and later to Europe (1936), North America (1941), and in recent decades to various countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Today the congregation is present in 26 countries. The general headquarters is in Rome.

In fidelity to the mission entrusted to it by the Church, the congregation has as its specific purpose the evangelical and missionary service to migrants, especially the poorest and neediest. It is animated by a spirit of universal communion, as it seeks to make visible the vocation of its members to recognizing and loving Christ in the person of migrants.

The congregation carries out its mission through the pastoral care of migrants in its different forms: schools, hospitals, orphanages, prisons, youth centers, retirement homes for elderly, formation houses, parishes, dioceses, episcopal conferences, reception centers for migrants and refugees, as well as centers of research and documentation.

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MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER

We are a religious congregation of pontifical right dedicated to the service of the missionary Church. In 1894, Blessed Mary Theresa Ledóchowska founded the congregation in Salzburg, Austria.

Our specific apostolate seeks to awaken in the faithful a greater awareness of the missionary dimension of their baptismal calling to bring forth the reign of Jesus Christ in all hearts. Together with the laity we strive to meet the needs of the missionaries throughout the world. Our life of consecration, our prayer and work seeks to make the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ known and loved, for it is He alone who can free us from every slavery and dependence.

We now have 43 communities in 23 countries. In North America, we have four communities in Toronto, Canada and in the United States of America: Chesterfield, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; and Saint Paul, Minnesota.



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MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family is a religious order of sisters founded by Blessed Boleslawa Lament in 1905 in Poland. Her mission was to promote unity between the Catholic and the Orthodox Churches, to share God's good news through education and to strengthen the faith of the faithful by acts of mercy and compassion.

In compliance with Blessed Boleslawa's ideas, we want to live like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and to carry the Holy Family's spiritual value to the world. Our special solicitude is to increase Christian unification by prayers, devotion, and work to fulfill Jesus' request at the Last Supper: "That they all be one" ... (John 17:21).

We are eager to help the ill, lonely, and suffering and to put in their lives forgiveness, hope, and joy. We also serve children and youth by education in schools, after school care, retreats, and other forms of evangelization.

We are present in Europe, Africa, and the United States. We pray that many young women will hear the call of God inviting them to our monastic fellowship of serving God and working towards the unity of the Church.

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OBLATE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The Oblate Sisters of Saint Francis de Sales is an international congregation founded in Troyes, France by Blessed Louis Brisson and Saint Leonie Frances de Sales Aviat. The Oblate Sisters respond to Christ's universal call to holiness by giving themselves totally to Him, freely and through love under the direction of Saint Francis de Sales. Salesian spirituality leads the sister to a life of humility before God and gentleness towards the neighbor.

For the Oblate sister, the charism proper to the congregation consists in offering herself to God in all that she does in her spiritual and material life, her work and relationships, her apostolate, and mission.

Oblate sisters serve the Church through education, social work, youth ministry, parish ministries, and missionary activity in South America and Africa.



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OBLATE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a pontifical institute founded in 1894 by Blessed Teresa Casini in Grottaferrata, Italy. Today, the sisters also serve the Church in Italy, Brazil, Peru, India, and Africa.

The Oblate Sisters strive to attain union with God by offering their lives for the holiness and support of diocesan priests and by fostering vocations to the priesthood. The sisters pray for priestly holiness and offer the joys and sorrows of their lives for the good of priests. The sisters also care for retired and convalescent priests, collaborate with them in their parish ministry, which includes teaching, directing religious education, hospital visitation, and distribution of the Eucharist to the homebound.

Any type of education is welcome and could be useful. A high school diploma is required. Candidates will be accepted between the ages of 18 and 35.

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OBLATES TO THE BLESSED TRINITY

The Oblates to the Blessed Trinity is a contemplative/active congregation of diocesan right, which follows the charism and spirituality of the Servant of God, Mother Margherita Diomira Crispi. To be an Oblate means to offer oneself totally as a victim for the salvation of mankind. The Oblates offer themselves as a holocaust to the Blessed Trinity through a life of adoration, reparation and apostolic works, and through the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience.

Their special charism is accented in the motto “Deus Caritas” which means “God is love.” The sisters make every effort to live the Trinitarian Love that unites the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. In keeping with their charism of love, the Oblates find in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the perfect moment for an intimate encounter with Jesus; therefore, each sister has a daily hour of adoration. The prayer life of the sisters includes daily participation in the Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, the rosary, spiritual reading, and meditation.

The apostolic spirit of the members of the congregation flows from the love of God. The sisters use their talents to spread the Good News through education, catechesis, pastoral ministry, Hispanic apostolate, and care of the poor and elderly.



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OLIVETAN BENEDICTINE SISTERS

The mission of the Olivetan Benedictines of Jonesboro, Arkansas is the same today as it was 125 years ago when they first came to Arkansas. They came to serve those in need. “Ora et Labora” Pray and Work, is the motto of the Benedictine order, so prayer is uppermost in the life of our religious. Our life of prayer finds its highest expression in the Eucharistic celebration and in the daily recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours. In our work we serve the needs of the people in many different capacities (i.e., teaching, pastoral care, parish work, and prison ministry).

As a monastic community we love the Church and seek to serve her in fidelity to the Church’s magisterium. We witness to our consecration by the wearing of a distinctive habit, and look to the Virgin Mary as our model and mother, wearing white in her honor.

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PARISH VISITORS OF MARY IMMACULATE

To search for the people, to go to the houses and streets, has been the call of Pope Francis and, long before him, of the Good Shepherd. Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate fulfill this call, literally, with our unique contemplative-missionary charism!

Afire with the love of God and sustained by daily Eucharistic adoration, the Parish Visitor goes out in imitation of Mary's visitation, visiting families where they live, on behalf of the pastor in whose parish she serves God. Through her person-to-person apostolate, she finds, befriends, and spiritually assists Catholics who do not practice their Faith, and she guides them back to the Church and to Catholic family life.

Through spiritual instruction, the Parish Visitor reminds those she meets of God's immense, personal love of them. Through religious education of adults and public school children, she helps each person respond to Jesus' love wholeheartedly. She guides the materially poor to wholesome social services and activities, while aiding them spiritually.

"Make every soul count" was the constant admonition of Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, our foundress, since our community began in 1920 in New York City. Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate continue to proclaim God's love also in Nigeria and in the Philippines.



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PAX CHRISTI INSTITUTE

The Pax Christi Sisters were founded on July 19, 1969 by Mother Teresa Santoyo in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas. The fundamental purpose of the Pax Christi Sisters, a contemplative-apostolic faith community, is to serve as an enabling instrument of peace, which leads each member in the pursuit of the attainment of perfect love, oneness with God.

Our ministry is to take the Good News of Jesus Christ our peace to all mankind through a dual ministry: Through our Spiritual Apostolate: We lead the people of God to a more profound understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and through the sharing of the Pax Christi spirituality enable the effecting of the salvific love mission of Jesus Christ our peace, "That all may be one." Through the Apostolic: We share truth and love to all those whom we serve both young and old through parish programs, religious education, retreats, and evangelization.

Requirements for admission: Be a practicing Roman Catholic, have a strong desire to commit herself to a consecrated life, on admission be between the ages of 18 and 35, be of sound physical and mental health, and free from noticeable physical defects.

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POOR CLARE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our congregation was founded in 1945 by Blessed Maria Inés Teresa of the Blessed Sacrament in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The charism of the congregation is missionary and Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the center of our life. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of our congregation. Our apostolate includes: missionary activities in Christian and non-Christian countries, pastoral and catechetical work, health care, education of children and young adults, retreat houses, and boarding homes.

In the United States, we are currently present in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Diocese of Orange in California, and the diocese of Springfield-Cape-Girardeau in Missouri. We are also present in 14 countries.

Candidates should be 18 to 35, have the desire to live the consecrated life according to the rules and statutes of the congregation, have good moral character and good health of mind and body.



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POOR SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Poor Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded in Buenos Aires, Argentina by Venerable Mother Camila de San Jose Rolon in 1880.

By the grace of God, our charism is the holy evangelical poverty: conforming to the perfect example of Christ's filial abandonment in the hands of the Father. In imitation of our patron Saint Joseph, our spirituality takes on the characteristics of the "clean, beautiful, and perfect poverty of Nazareth," as lived by the Holy Family. We strive to live, "in the world yet not of the world," with love and complete reliance on Divine Providence, with fraternal love and mutual care for each other maintaining our Lord present in the Eucharist is the center of our lives.

Our sisters are also located in Argentina, Uruguay, Romania, Madagascar, and Italy, collaborating with priests and/or in the involvement of various apostolates: schools, parishes, hospitals, missions, homes for single mothers, and nursing homes.

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RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF MERCY OF ALMA

The Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, is a religious institute of pontifical right established in 1973 in response to the renewal called for in the Second Vatican Council. Our community received its charism and heritage from Venerable Catherine McAuley who founded the Religious Sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland in 1831. A Religious Sister of Mercy vows to God poverty, chastity, obedience, and service to the poor, sick, and ignorant, extending the mercy of God into the complex needs of today's society.

Ven. Catherine's legacy of union and charity is an invitation to love each other sincerely in Christ by cultivating the Little Virtues (gentleness, kindness, courtesy, simplicity, humility, trust in God, patience, and forbearance). Integrating professional excellence with the demands inherent in our call, each sister is challenged to enter into a process of life-long formation towards her own sanctification and the salvation of souls.

We invite interested women to our Come and See retreats, held regularly throughout the year at our motherhouse in Alma, Michigan.



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RELIGIOUS TEACHERS FILIPPINI

The Religious Teachers Filippini was founded by Saint Lucy Filippini, and Cardinal Mark Anthony Barbarigo in 1692 in Italy to promote the Christian education of youth, dignity of womanhood, and a healthy family life.

We continue to regard the ministry of the Christian education of youth and adults, especially women, as our principal duty. We proclaim the Good News of Christ, in order that the power of the Gospel message may transform the human person from within and so renew the family and society. We reconcile the duties of consecrated life with the commitments of mission, integrating contemplation and the service of our sisters and brothers in the spirit of docility and gentleness. We move forward “Rooted in Christ; strengthened in faith; overflowing with thankfulness” (Col 2:7) to accomplish the mission entrusted us.

It continues the mission of Christ the teacher in many countries: Albania, Brazil, England, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Italy, and the United States.

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SCHOOL SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING

Joyful fidelity to *Christ the King* best describes the charism of the School Sisters of Christ the King. Founded in 1976 by Bishop Glennon Patrick Flavin, they are a community of religious women who exist to love their Spouse, Christ the King, and to make Him loved in the hearts of others.

The sisters foster a deep prayer life and share the corporate apostolate of Catholic education. Awareness of total belonging to Christ the King, love for the Eucharistic Lord, reverence for the priesthood and loyalty to the Church's magisterium, zeal for souls, devotion to the passion, and love for Mary form the basis of their charism.

The School Sisters of Christ the King welcome young women between the ages of 18 and 35 who have good physical and mental health and appropriate maturity, and who wish to spend themselves loving Christ the King and serving to extend His reign through the teaching apostolate.



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SCHOOL SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS

The School Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis were founded in 1723 near Salzburg, Austria to educate and evangelize young people. Today we strive to mirror the beautiful work of our Foundress, Mother Maria Hyacintha Zechner, who first lived Franciscan spirituality and passed the Gospel way of life on to those in her care. The sisters have the privilege of working with children, youth, and families in the new evangelization in many capacities.

Resulting from a strong prayer and community life, a special emphasis in ministry is placed on the dignity of each individual, the theology of the body, and God's great love for each soul. This is made possible through love for the Church, daily Mass, daily Eucharistic adoration, Marian devotion, and the spirit of Saint Francis.

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SERVANTS OF GOD'S LOVE

The Servants of God's Love is a new religious community founded in 1975. Our primary call as a community is to be a sign of God's love, both in our love for Him and in our love for His people. We pray daily in our morning prayer: "Lord, we want to be a sign and a witness today to Your people and to the world of the personal, strong love You have for Your people. We want to be a sign and a witness of the kind of love you want Your people to have for You: A love with undivided hearts, a single-hearted love and devotion to You, a fervor and zeal for You and Your life."

We also have a fourth vow to the common life and to unity. As *Fraternal Life in Community* states: "All must be reminded that fraternal communion, as such, is already an apostolate; in other words, it contributes directly to the work of evangelization. The sign par excellence left us by Our Lord is that of lived fraternity: 'By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another' (cf. Jn 13:35)."

Our present apostolic works include caring for the elderly who are marginalized. However, our sisters are involved in many other apostolates as well, including teaching and evangelism, and wherever the Lord calls us to bring His love.



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SERVANTS OF MARY, MINISTERS TO THE SICK

The Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick are an international congregation founded in Madrid, Spain in 1851 by Saint Maria Soledad Torres. Today we continue to reflect the spirit of Mother Soledad in our ministry to the sick and the dying as witnesses of the unconditional love and mercy of Christ. The main aspects of our spirituality are: contemplative in action, abandoned to divine providence, and collaborators with Christ and Mary in the salvation of mankind. The total abandonment to divine providence is beautifully incarnated in our gratuitous ministry to the sick and dying, preferably in their own homes.

We are strengthened in our apostolic ministry by the power derived from our intimate union with God through contemplative prayer, the Holy Eucharist, the recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours, the holy rosary as a sign of our love toward our blessed mother Mary and joyful, loving, community life. We blend spiritual ministry and professional nursing care as our particular way of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ and the maternal tenderness of Mary to those who suffer.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND THE VIRGIN OF MATARA

The Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a community of diocesan right, was founded by Rev. Carlos Miguel Buela 1988 in Argentina. We are missionaries with a foundational Marian character. In addition to the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, we also make a fourth vow of consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary according to the method of Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort in order to entrust ourselves entirely to her as our Mother and model. Our religious life is sustained by daily Mass and Eucharistic holy hour, the prayers of the divine office in community, the angelus, the holy rosary, and private and devotional prayer.

We respond to the call of evangelization in three ways: preaching the Word in action, preaching the Word by means of works of charity, and preaching the Word by the contemplative cloistered way of life. We serve in parish catechesis, sacristy and liturgical preparations; we engage in education at all levels including university campus ministry; we carry out door-to-door evangelization; we serve in orphanages, homes for disabled children and youth, homes for elderly, hospitals, etc.

Our contemplative branch has ten monasteries. We have missions in over thirty countries around the world as well as fourteen houses in the United States.



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SERVANTS OF THE PIERCED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary is a religious institute of diocesan right, founded by Mother Adela Galindo, in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Our spiritual charism is to be a living image and presence of the heart, person and mission of Mary in the heart of the Church. We desire to be an offering of love and consolation to the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary by choosing in all things the perfection of love. Our apostolic charism is to be ardent witnesses of the power and fecundity of love and the splendor of the magisterium of the Church so as to build a new civilization of love, truth and life in the heart of the Church and the world.

Some of our apostolates are: diocesan ministry, parish missions and retreats, education and direction of catechesis, administration of retreat centers, Eucharistic censures, campus ministry, pastoral assistance to clergy, and Hispanic ministry.

We welcome young, single women between the ages of 18 and 35 who have never been married, have at least a high school diploma and a willingness to learn to speak and write both English and Spanish since we minister in both languages.

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SISTER SERVANTS OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Congregation of Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, founded in 1894 in Krakow, Poland by St. Joseph Sebastian Pelczar and Blessed Klara Szczesna, is a pontifical, contemplative-active, Franciscan congregation devoted to extending the Kingdom of Love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by prayer and reparation, common life and works of mercy such as teaching and catechesis, nursing and personal care, parish work, retreat ministry, and youth and missionary work.

As the visible sign of their religious consecration, the sisters wear a full habit with scapular and veil, rosary, Franciscan cord, crucifix, and ring.

They serve internationally in Poland, the United States, Italy, France, the Ukraine, Bolivia, Argentina, and Jamaica, West Indies.

A woman between the ages of 18 and 30 who possesses good physical and mental health and who desires to give herself totally to God, may seek admission to the congregation.



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SISTERS OF CHARITY OF OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church is an active/contemplative institute of pontifical right. Our motto: “To Jesus through Mary,” signifies our prayer and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We live our vowed life in community with the Eucharist at the heart of our varied apostolates. Jesus in the Eucharist is the center of our lives. He is the strength that supports us in our lives together as sisters in community, in our diverse works of charity, in our labors for souls in His Church. As brides of Christ we embrace the evangelical counsels and the message of the Gospel, with the two-fold aim of personal sanctification while working for the salvation of souls. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, we take a fourth vow having as its object continual availability to devote ourselves to the works of charity. We serve others through apostolates of education, caring for the sick, the aging and the poor, wherever there is a need.

We are located in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut; Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut; Archdiocese of St. Paul, Minnesota; and the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin.

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SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

The Sisters of Christian Charity were founded in 1849 in Germany by Pauline von Mallinckrodt. Together with three young women, she carried out her mission of caring for impoverished and abandoned children, with a special emphasis on the blind. In the early years of the congregation, their ministry expanded from a crowded day nursery to sixteen different institutions educating some 4,000 children.

As Sisters of Christian Charity today, we strive to emulate our foundress' spirit of courageous surrender to the will of God. We draw our strength from the Eucharist, as, in the words of Mother Pauline, "the Blessed Sacrament is my life, my bliss; to it I owe the grace of my holy vocation." We work in education, healthcare, homemaking, parish work, and various other ministries, always seeking to love those we serve with the love of Christ.



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SISTERS OF JESUS OUR HOPE

We, the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope, are consecrated women who live the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience within religious community. Our life is lived at the heart of the Church as a public, corporate witness to God's merciful love which is the source of all our hope.

Centered on Jesus Christ who is our hope, our community was founded to witness to the hope that is offered to everyone through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Therefore, our community life extends into our apostolate of evangelization, catechesis, and faith formation.

Based on the Augustinian tradition of religious life in the Church, our community life is aimed at being "one in mind and heart on the way to God." Our daily schedule includes participation in the Holy Mass, chanting the Liturgy of the Hours, pondering Sacred Scripture through *lectio divina*, the rosary, and spiritual reading as well as having a Eucharistic holy hour in common. The preferred age is 21 to 35.

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SISTERS OF LIFE

The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/apostolic religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. The sisters are consecrated by a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life.

Participation in the Holy Mass, chanting the Liturgy of the Hours, recitation of the rosary, and a common Eucharistic holy hour are included in the daily life of the sisters.

Our missions are carried out with the hope of revealing to those we serve the inherent beauty of their own lives, so that they may see and experience the truth that they are made in the image and likeness of God. Our apostolic works include welcoming women who are pregnant to live with us; assisting pregnant women in need; inviting those who have suffered abortion to hope and healing; spiritual retreats; staffing the New York Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life Office; and by evangelizing on the charism of life throughout the country and around the world.

Our convents are located in New York, Connecticut, Washington, DC, Colorado, and Ontario, Canada.



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SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

We, the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, are consecrated to Christ and His Church to bring the hope and encouragement of the Risen Christ to all. In communal charity and through joyful evangelization, we witness to the beauty of the Gospel through our ministry of prayer and presence. We bring new life to the world through our apostolates of faith formation, including religious education, retreat ministry, and comforting the infirm and dying, as modeled by Mary, Mother of the Church.

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SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Joseph were founded in 1976, in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico. Their spirit is contemplative in action and is reflected in their motto: “A community of prayer and service in peace, joy, and love.” Their charism is based on the unity and love asked by our Lord Jesus in John Chapter 17, “That all may be one as You and I are one, so the world may believe.”

The sisters serve the poor and needy; assist in paralegal and immigration matters; in education (nursery schools to universities); parochial and mission works, and orphanages. Meditation, adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, praying the rosary, and the divine office are part of their spiritual practices in a community setting.



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SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows was founded in 1839 in Italy, by Blessed Elisabetta Renzi. She was committed to providing both human and Christian formation and education to the children and young women of her time.

In October 1947, the congregation opened its first mission in Louisiana. Today, the sisters continue to work in educating the young and the poor in six countries around the world (Italy, United States, Mexico, Brazil, Bangladesh, and Zimbabwe).

United with Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the cross, we are consecrated totally to Jesus Crucified. Our life consists of communal prayer with Liturgy of the Hours, daily Mass, daily recitation of the rosary, spiritual reading, meditation, and weekly adoration.

Young women seeking to follow Christ as a Sister of Our Lady of Sorrows must be between the ages of 18 and 35, in good physical and mental health, and possess at least a high school education.

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SISTERS OF OUR MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE

The Sisters of Our Mother of Divine Grace are an emerging religious community, established as a public association of the faithful in the Diocese of Saginaw in 2010. Formed in a deeply Marian spirituality, we live the DeMontfort consecration, which reflects Mary's humility in continual loving abandonment to God's will.

Our charism is to promote unity in the truths of the Catholic Church (true ecumenism among Christians) through prayer, especially Eucharistic adoration; sharing a common life; fidelity to the magisterium; and apostolic works that include parish ministry, education, catechesis on all levels, domestic, and clerical work.

If you are a woman of faith, who has a sincere desire to dedicate yourself to God, is willing to take a risk for Christ, and possesses appropriate maturity and good physical and mental health, we invite you to join us.



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SISTERS OF SAINT ANN

The Sisters of Saint Ann is an international missionary congregation founded in 1834 in the city of Turin, Italy. We owe our existence to a holy couple of noble family, Servants of God, Carlo Tancredi Falletti and his wife Giulia Colbert, Marquises of Barolo. They dedicated their lives to various deeds of Christian charity.

Their aim in establishing our congregation was to further the intellectual growth of children and young people, especially those belonging to families in need. Today, we, their daughters, faithful to the Church and our charism have been working in classrooms and parishes, in hospitals, and spiritual centers, in villages and cities in Italy, India, the United States, Brazil, Switzerland, Mexico, Philippines, Argentina, Cameroon, and the United Kingdom, in order to be in the Church and in the world signs of hope and instruments of God who is providence and merciful love, toward the little ones and the poor of our time.

We welcome young women who are in good physical and emotional health, between the age of 18 and 30, and have at least a high school diploma.

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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel founded our congregation in Olpe, Germany, in 1863. From the very day the community was founded, Mother established perpetual adoration in the local convent chapel. The files of her beatification attest to the love and strength she found therein: “She had grown under the soft light of the Eucharistic sun. Again and again she went to the hidden God to find light, courage and strength. The Eucharistic Lord must be discovered by us anew and must be proclaimed as an enabler of selfless love.”

Flowing from prayer, Mother Maria Theresia put herself and the sisters at the service of children, the sick, and the poor. For over 150 years, the sisters have remained faithful to their charism of perpetual adoration as well as the active apostolates of healthcare and education. Currently the sisters serve primarily in schools and hospitals in Indiana and south suburban Chicago.

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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist are called to be little and humble in imitation of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. In common we live a simple lifestyle which expresses our total dependence on God rooted in the Eucharist and fidelity to the magisterium of the Catholic Church. The Franciscan values of contemplation, minority, humility, and poverty are central to our way of life.

Our roots date back to 1378 in the Black Forest of Switzerland. In 1892 Mother John Hau and five companions travelled from Grimmerien, Switzerland to found a new foundation in America. Leaving the cloistered contemplative lifestyle they embraced an active apostolate while maintaining their contemplative spirit. This Eucharistic contemplative spirit continues today to be the source of the sister's active lifestyle.

The sisters continue Mother John's dedication to Eucharistic adoration, prayer for priests, and works of mercy with particular emphasis on the education of youth. Our ministries include academic education at all levels, retreat ministry, and outreach to the poor by local and international shipments through our Mission Warehouse. We participate daily in the Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, the Divine Office and recitation of the rosary.

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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE MARTYR ST. GEORGE

The special mission of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George is to be simply ready in obedience to God's call – and, therefore, to make the merciful love of Christ visible in their service.

Founded by Mother M. Anselma Bopp in 1869 in Thuine, Germany, the Congregation sent five sisters in 1923 to the United States, where there are now 120 sisters in 16 convents, serving Christ and the Church in a variety of apostolic works: health care, education, child care, work with the elderly, nursing home, parish and diocesan office work, service in Bishops' households and priests' retirement homes, as well as service to their own sisters.

In order to fulfill their lives of service, communal and private prayer are at the heart of their relationship with the Lord. Daily celebration of the Eucharist, meditation upon and reading of Scripture, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic adoration, the rosary and stations of the cross, characterize their lives of prayer.

Entrance requirements: ages 18 to 30 (exceptions can be made); good physical, mental, and moral health; appropriate personal maturity; and the desire to give oneself totally to the Lord.



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SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist is an international community founded by Blessed Alfonso Maria Fusco in Italy. Since 1878, the Baptistine Sisters have been "preparing the way of the Lord" in the lives and hearts of God's people. We work for the glory of God in the service of our neighbor especially the poor, the abandoned, and those at risk. Empowered by our vowed love for God and strengthened by the bonds of community life, we seek to remove those obstacles which hinder people from freely accepting the love of God into their lives through the apostolates of education, health care, and pastoral ministry.

Today, we are in seventeen countries: Italy, United States, Brazil, Chile, Zambia, Canada, India, Philippines, Korea, Argentina, Mexico, Malawi, South Africa, Madagascar, Moldova, Poland, and Cameroon.

Applicants must be a high school graduate, have good physical and mental health with appropriate social maturity, be free from canonical impediments, and have a desire to serve God's people.

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SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Desirous of living our baptismal consecration in a self-oblation of thanksgiving and praise to God, we follow Christ in a life of prayer, evangelical counsels, community, and the apostolate of Catholic education, care of the elderly, domestic, and secretarial work. We live a contemplative/apostolic life and cherish a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist, to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. We strive to be a visible expression of the love of Christ and the mystery of the Church in a spirit of simplicity, self-sacrifice, and perfect charity.

Founded in 1973 in the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky by Bishop Richard H. Ackerman and Mother Ellen Curran, the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker received canonical approbation in 1974.

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SISTERS OF ST. RITA

As Augustinian women, we live our vows of consecrated life, striving to “live together in harmony, as one heart, and one soul on our way to God.” (Rule of St. Augustine).

This is the center of our spirituality: cultivating relationships with one another as we seek God, we learn our strengths and our weaknesses while being challenged to live a life of love. “If you begin to love, God has begun to dwell in you.”

We follow our founding mission, serving those in need through social and spiritual family care in all its diverse ministries.

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SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Dr. Joaquin Masmitja founded the congregation on July 1, 1848, in Olot, Spain. Attentive to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and to the needs of the Church, he conceived the idea of an institute with dual goals: that of converting sinners by means of prayer and sacrifice and that of Christianizing society through catechesis and education.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary feel called to share a desire of total consecration to Christ and to one another. We proclaim, in our simplicity, a happy and hospitable attitude. In prayer, we find the Lord's strength, which opens our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Mary, our Mother, has a very important place in our life and in our community. She is the center of our apostolate in education and pastoral ministry and the guide of our commitment.



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SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY OF WICHITA

In all things and at all times, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary try to live Mary's fiat, thus sharing in the redemptive mission of Christ. Called together as a family with the Eucharistic Christ as the center and source of life, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are a contemplative-active community with a Eucharistic and Marian spirituality and charism.

In union with Mary, the sisters serve the Church first and foremost through contemplation and prayer. In imitation of Mary, the sisters strive to give Christ to the world through their faithful, joyful witness and by works of Catholic education on all levels and in a variety of forms, including spiritual retreats.

Originally founded in Spain in 1848, the I.H.M. Sisters of Wichita are a new community with a long history. Invited to Wichita in 1976, a new foundation was established in 1979.

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SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary were founded in Ireland in 1775 by Mother Nano Nagle. They came to Watervliet, New York in 1881 to establish a home for orphaned children.

Today, the sisters continue to minister to the needs of children in residential programs for the emotionally challenged and the autistic, as well as parish ministry. A habit, daily Mass and prayer schedule, as well as convent living, are important factors in the life of a Presentation sister.

Entrance requirements include: at least a high school diploma and a sincere desire to dedicate oneself to God; the possession of average health and intelligence; and the intention of generously giving to God what is already His. Age will be considered on an individual basis. Widows are welcome.



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SISTERS OF THE RESURRECTION

The Sisters of the Resurrection were called into existence by the design and providence of God in 1891 when two women, a mother and her daughter, Blessed Celine and Venerable Hedwig Borzecka, began the congregation in Rome, Italy. The congregation has homes in Europe, South America, Australia, Africa, the United States, and Canada. Faithful to the Church and responsive to its contemporary needs, the Sisters of the Resurrection bring God's hope and love to all they meet in the educational, health care and other ministries, which God leads them to embrace.

Called to be vibrant witnesses of the Risen Lord and empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Sisters' lives are rooted in a deep prayer life. They take time each day, both communally and personally, to drink deeply of their relationship with God in order to bring Jesus to others. With St. Paul, they echo the hymn of Resurrection, "I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me." (Gal. 2:20) The Sisters of the Resurrection welcome women who desire to consecrate their lives completely to God!

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SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS

As Franciscan sisters, we strive to follow Christ, after the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, with the Blessed Virgin Mary as our mother and model. Our apostolic fruitfulness flows from our union with Christ, especially in our daily participation at Holy Mass and our life of prayer.

We strive to serve the sick and the poor with the greatest care and love, and never to turn away anyone who comes to us for care. Our sisters serve in any area of our healthcare ministry, clinical or non-clinical: nursing, physical therapy, social work, pastoral care, accounting, administration, information services, dietary, laboratory, radiology, etc. We own and operate OSF HealthCare, which includes hospitals, a children's hospital, physician practices, homecare, hospice, and colleges of nursing. Our sisters may also teach in Catholic schools.

Entrance requirements include: a desire to serve the Lord, good mental and physical health, and the ability to be a joyful Franciscan in community. We generally accept women between the ages of 18 and 40, some exceptions are made.



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SOCIETY/DAUGHTERS OF OUR MOTHER OF PEACE

The Society of Our Mother of Peace was founded in 1966 by Fr. Placid Guste. Our spirituality is based on the Gospel and St. John of the Cross with special emphasis on evangelical poverty and simplicity. Our life is primarily contemplative, with a stress on silence and solitude. At the heart of our life is daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and recreation in common. Our two direct spiritual apostolates are door-to-door evangelization and helping others to deepen their spiritual life through personal direction and private retreats.

We are located in Springfield and High Ridge, Missouri, with recent foundations in the Philippines and Nigeria. Ages 18 to 38 are welcome to apply (older candidates may be considered). You are invited to schedule a visit.

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SOCIETY DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART

Filled with joy and zeal, our sisters love and serve God and His people in our community apostolate enlivened by the charism of a “Joyful Apostolate.” We teach religion to all ages in an inspiring, interesting, and dynamic way, seeking to bring the whole person to close union with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our apostolate includes serving in parish religious education programs, proclaiming the love of God, and the truths of our faith through catechetical presentations, catechist formation, evangelization, and RCIA; offering sacramental retreats for children and adults, family retreat camps, summer camps, youth leadership formation; and catechesis through media. Our sisters are also engaged in the medical profession to complement our apostolate in the missions.

Our religious community was founded in 1940 in Hungary by Sister Ida Peterfy. Our membership is international. Our Motherhouse is in Southern California with convents in California and St. Louis, Missouri and in our missions in Taiwan and Hungary. We profess public vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience and wear a habit with the symbol of our community, a Sacred Heart badge.

Minimum entrance requirements: high school graduate, between the ages of 18 and 30.



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SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) is a society of apostolic life and was founded in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1958. We live a Marian-Trinitarian spirituality, serving on ecclesial family teams with the Priests Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. We serve in areas of deepest apostolic need and strive to bring all peoples into union with the Most Holy Trinity through discipleship of Jesus.

Since 1958, SOLT has been serving people in a wide variety of missions and ministries including: parishes, evangelization, catechesis, education, and in direct service with the poor. We serve in many countries, including the United States, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, England, the Philippines, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, and Ghana.

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SOCIETY OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS

We are an international religious community of women dedicated to prayer, education, and sacrifice. Founded in 1876 by St. Henry de Osso, the society bears his mark of ardent love of Christ, zeal for His interests, and a fidelity to the Church.

Called and consecrated by God, we offer our lives to Him through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We live together in community, committed to loving one another, as witnesses to the world of the Lord's special presence to those who gather in His name. Prayer is the center of all that we are and do, with St. Teresa of Avila as our guide. In union with all the Church, we come together to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Through daily Eucharist, sharing Scripture with each other, and both personal and community prayer, we are called to a deeper conversion and are strengthened for ministry.

Our ministry is to make Christ known and loved throughout the world, especially through education. We form Christ in the hearts and minds of those we serve as teachers in elementary and secondary schools, in college, as catechists and trainers of catechists, as teachers of prayers, leaders for retreats, prayer groups, and youth groups.

We serve in 23 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and in the Americas. In the United States, we work in inner city, suburban, and rural areas of Texas, Florida, and Louisiana.

God constantly surprises us. He bursts our categories; He wreaks havoc with our plans. And He tells us: Trust me; do not be afraid. Let yourself be surprised; leave yourself behind and follow me!

-Pope Francis, Homily on October 13, 2013

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