

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES *OF MARY*

What's in a Name?

"This charism is lived in the **fundamental attitude** that was Mary's in her Ecce and Fiat" FMM Const.2

A **fundamental attitude** is more than just devotion. Besides being devoted to Mary our Mother, we adopt her attitude of Yes, behold the Handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word.

As Mary said her yes, "**Jesus, the Word of God became flesh in her.**" This is our attitude as we pronounce our vow of obedience, to say yes to God in order to be able to carry the Word to the world, thus to allow ourselves to be led by His Spirit wherever there are people that need to hear the Good



News, where the Church needs us, where society needs healing, caring, be it in our home country or elsewhere. This is the reason why with Mary of the Passion we consider the whole world as our mission, our home.

"Mary, marvelling at God's gratuitous gift, attentive to listen to the Word and keep it, open to the needs of others so as to bring them to her Son, is the inspiration for our life of prayer." Const.10 Here lies the key to our vocation. Thus it is the Christ whom we contemplate in the Eucharist who sends us out to our brothers and sisters in whom we discover his hidden presence. And in turn, our brothers and sisters send us back to the contemplation of Christ, wherefore we present back all the joys and sorrows shared in our mission. Isn't it precisely this what Mary did in mothering and caring for her Son Jesus? This in turn is what she expects of us; to be Mothers to the people God sends us to, be they our sisters in community or the people we work with and mission to.

Mary our Queen and our Mother... Pray for us! is a favourite prayer of the whole Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

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