

## FRANCISAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY

### What's in a Name?

#### **MISSIONARIES!**

To be a Missionary it takes one to be sent, "To continue the mission of Christ, who was sent by the Father in the power of the Spirit to bring the good news to the poor." "Every sister is '**sent**' on mission and is just as ready to leave her country as to remain there in order to respond to the needs of evangelisation." **Fmm Const.42** Our vocation is mainly to respond to the call of Christ through His church to proclaim the Good News to the world not only by word but mainly by the witness of our lives.

Through Religious profession we say our Yes to God like Mary did, and let go of our lives into His hands, that He may use us where the People of God need our presence, a presence permeated by Christ who possesses us as we proclaim our Fiat/Yes... 'Behold the Handmaid of the Lord', when we profess to live through our vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

"The whole world is our mission." I joyfully repeat this phrase with Mary of the Passion, my foundress, as I rejoice at the same time that wherever I go in the world I'm bound to find a home, a community to welcome and care for me, and as I integrate within the life of that community, I also care for and with the same community, for the welfare of those whom God entrusts to us.



**Mission to evangelise!** Evangelium Gospel, Good news. This is what we bring yet we do it in different ways. One can't preach Good News unless one cares for the whole person, body and spirit. This is done through, Education, medical as well as social means. When one educates, the mind of the receiver opens up to new horizons. When one helps with the process of healing body and spirit, the other is freer and stronger to receive and accept the Word of God, which is only believed as one becomes convinced that all is possible with God. When the other is treated as a human being, friend and equal, born in the image and likeness of God, one can become convinced of the message of Love that the Gospel is about.

This is the conviction we have that our mission can be successful when as **Franciscan Missionaries of Mary** we dare go out to proclaim the **Good News**, wherever we are sent, in the same Love with which God has loved us first.

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