

## 09 COMMUNITY WORK

### Damn the cross

Damn the Cross  
that we carry without love  
as a fatal inheritance.

Damn the cross  
we put on the shoulders  
of little brothers.

Damn the cross  
that we do not break with the  
blows  
of solidarity freedom,  
naked for surrender,  
rebels against death.

Damn the cross  
displayed by the oppressors  
on the walls of the bank,

behind the impassive throne,  
on the coat of arms,  
on the neckline of luxury,  
before the eyes of fear.

Damn the cross  
that power drives into the People,  
perhaps in the name of God.

Damn the cross  
that the Church justifies  
- perhaps in the name of Christ -  
when it should set it ablaze  
with prophecy.

Damn the cross  
that cannot be The Cross!

( Pedro Casaldáliga )

### **TO MEDITATE FROM THE PSALM:**

What causes me, as consecrated, Humanity's pain?

What do you think humanity, the church, the Congregation are asking of you in this precarious time, but at the same time the *Age of the mystics*?

### **CONSTITUTIONS**

**ART. 10** Our charism, "The Works of Mercy", lived since the Mystery of the Co-redemption of Mary, commits us to follow more closely Christ who gave himself to the Father for the SALVATION of the whole world, and especially, for the POOR AND MARGINALIZED .

**Art. 11** Feeling sent by the Church and fidelity to our Foundational Charism, drives us to our charism to prefer girls and young people, who, BECAUSE OF THEIR MARGINATION, have a greater need to be evangelized.

### **TO MEDITATE**

At this untold time, dark night that our peoples are crossing:

As a Congregation: What we would be willing to recover, innovate and sustain for signs visible, credible and significant in the midst of pain, poor people, the forgotten, our realities ...?

### **BIBLE QUOTE: MT 25,32- 40**

All nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate one from another, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right: Come, blessed of my Father, receive the inheritance of the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. Because I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in jail and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer: Lord, when did we see you hungry and gave you food; or thirsty and we gave you a drink? When did we see you a stranger, and did we welcome you; or naked and we dress you? When did we see you sick or in jail, and did we come to you? And the King will tell them; In truth I tell you that everything you did to one of these younger brothers of mine, you did it to me.

### **CAPITULAR AGREEMENTS 2011**

We hope that the spirituality of the Founders affects all nuclei as a concrete and effective way of revitalizing ourselves. It is necessary to RECREATE OUR CHARISM to be memory, testimony and prophecy in today's world, in the style of our founders, who knew how to read the signs of the times while remaining attentive to the promptings of the Spirit , being faithful to their charism and mission, risking everything for the good of all.

### **SCRUTE - POPE FRANCIS**

P. 60 par. 2: Pope Francis passionately encourages us to continue our journey with a swift and joyful step : «Guided by the Spirit, never rigid, never closed, always open to the voice of God who speaks, who opens, who leads, who invites us to go to the horizon »

P. 88 par. 3: Pope Francis invites us to let ourselves «be carried away by the Spirit, give up calculating and controlling everything, and allow Him to enlighten us, guide us, guide us, and propel us wherever He wants. He knows well what is needed in every age and every moment ».

### **FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE FOUNDING FATHER**

**Do good to all**

Our most lovable Jesus, come to earth to serve and not to be served, has always been attentive to doing good to everyone and to condescending to everyone in lawful things. S not you or I did not refuse the favor to be asked; more, was offered to do it spontaneously. Saint Philip has been incredibly unique in this matter as well as his first children. These were hearts full of charity and they wanted to imitate Christ: the same we should do.

## **VITA CONSECRATA, SAINT JOHN PAUL the II CONSECRATED FOR MISSION**

In the image of Jesus, the Predilected Son “ Whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world”, also those whom God calls to follow him are consecrated and sent into the world to imitate his example and continue his mission. This is true for every disciple. But especially for those who are called to follow Christ “more closely”. In their call , therefore , it is included to dedicate themselves totally to the mission; Furthermore, consecrated life itself, under the action of the Holy Spirit, who is the source of every vocation and of every charism, becomes mission as the entire life of Jesus has been. Religious life will therefore be even more apostolic, if more intimate is the surrender to the Lord Jesus, more fraternal the community life and more ardent the commitment to the specific mission of the Institute.

### **TO INTERIORIZE:**

What do the readings presented in this Community work tell me?

What things prevent us at a personal, community, and congregational level to be Church in exit?

What tools do we possess at the personal and congregational level that push us to recreate our charism in the direction of the many realities in which we find ourselves?

Why do we sometimes forget that we are consecrated for the mission, consecrated also for the people?

### **SHARE THE FAITH**

### **PRAYER TO END**

Sorrowful Mother, look at you, you discover yourself as a star that guides our days and nights follow faithfully to the cross as You.

Sorrowful Mother, to be with you is to find in you the help to live chastity with joy, realizing our vocation to serve our marginalized brothers.

Sorrowful Mother, to live with you is to feel invited, to accept the Father's will with a poor Spirit, welcoming the brothers most in need with the heart of co-redemptrices.

Sorrowful Mother, to embrace you in our Institute is to make life the Gospel of Jesus, as the supreme rule of life. In this way we will discover how the Kingdom comes walking with us and with the people. Teach us, Mary, your double fidelity to God and to men. AMEN.