

17 COMMUNITY PRAYER

SONG: *Look how they love each other.*

When people see us, may they say: Look how they love each other! and they create.

READING the I Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (5, 14-22)

14. Brothers, we also ask you to correct the undisciplined, to encourage the cowardly, to support the weak and to be patient with everyone.

15. Make sure that no one returns to another evil for evil; Always have good as your goal, both among yourselves and for others. 16. Always be cheerful.

17. Pray without ceasing.

18. Give thanks in every situation, because this is what God wants from all of you in Christ Jesus.

19. Do not quench the Spirit. 20. Do not despise prophecies.

21. Examine everything and keep the good.

22. Avoid all kinds of evil.

SILENCE

TO MEDITATE

1. How to correct myself if I am undisciplined? Cheer me up if I'm a coward? Hold me if I'm weak?

2. Do I have the good as a goal or only "my good"? Do I believe I have the right to everything and without any duty?

3. How not to quench the spirit if not with prayer and joy?

4. Do I disregard the values of my sisters in the community? What do I make room for in my heart, what do I keep?

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READING OF THE CONSTITUTIONS

77. We want to be aware that what "we are" and "how we live" influences each of the Sisters around us. Hence, we must feel, at the level of the Institute, community and personally, responsible for the formation of all the Sisters, and, especially, of the young women who, chosen, called and summoned by Christ, make the choice to share our project of life. Religious.

78. “Be perfect like your Heavenly Father” (Mt 5, 48), requires us to understand and accept formation as a permanent task in life, until arriving, in death, at the fullness of Christ.

SILENCE

TO MEDITATE

1. Am I aware that how I am and how I live influences -and a lot- my sisters in the community?
2. Are my conversations, my prayer, my manner uplifting? Do they help, encourage and support my sisters?
3. What do I do to continue training every day?

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READING OF MOTHER DOLORES (Letters p. 308 par. 2)

What I most desire is that there be a complete union in all, so that a true charity reigns, by which they love each other, help each other, suffer each other and build each other up. If this is missing, we are nothing in the presence of God as Saint Paul teaches, because, as Jesus Christ says, in this it will be known that you are my disciples.

TO MEDITATE

1. What unites or separates me from my sisters in the community?
2. Does charity reign in my community? Do we help each other, suffer and build each other?

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READING OF THE LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE RELIGIOUS gathered in the 50th Week of Religious Life (05/17/2021)

In the consecrated life is understood walking, as always. It is understood consecrating each day. It is understood in dialogue with reality. When consecrated life loses this dimension of dialogue with reality and reflection on what is happening, it begins to become sterile. I wonder about the sterility of some institutes of consecrated life, see the cause, it is, generally, the lack of dialogue and commitment to reality. Do not leave this. Consecrated life is always a dialogue with reality.

Keeping the founding charism alive is keeping it on the path and growing, in dialogue with what the Spirit tells us in the history of time, in places, in different times, in different situations. It presupposes discernment and it presupposes prayer. A foundational charism cannot be maintained without apostolic courage, that is, without walking, without discernment and without prayer.

SILENCE

TO MEDITATE

1. Do I dialogue with the reality that surrounds me? Do I see it as my place of consecration and as my possibility to continue walking towards God?
2. Does my community dialogue and engage with reality or do we seek comfortable isolation?
3. Do we pray reality? Do we discern what our position should be before it?

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WE PUT OUR FAITH IN COMMON

OUR FATHER

CLOSING PRAYER (All)

"Where two or three are gathered in my name,
There I am in the midst of them."

These words are our strength.

We meet on your behalf.

We are a community, because you have called us.

You have pronounced my name and those of my sisters:

..., come on, follow me.

You have grouped us in a community:

"you are my friends"

You have shown us the top of the mountain.

"Courage, my yoke is bearable and my burden light."

You have placed yourself at the head of our group.

"I am with you day by day"

Now, in the middle of the march, we say to you with all our soul:

Finish in each one of us the work you have begun.

Make us good soil, deep and soft,

For your seed to find bottom

and bear fruit.

Make us sensitive to your voice,

not cold and closed like new Pharisees.

Wrap us in your love,

For us to be a warm and dynamic group.

Finish in each one of us the work you have begun.

Finish it, Jesus, in me and in my sisters.