The FMM Institute - a Spirit

«The truth is that we are called to love, that He is always with us and that all He is, is ours. Everything is there. »

Mary of the Passion, Spiritual Notes, 1888

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

What does this name mean?

To be Franciscan Missionary of Mary:

is to commit oneself in an extraordinary adventure which fascinates;
it is to let ourselves be led by the Love of God which consecrates us and calls us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him;
it is to feel oneself sent and to go to meet the peoples to share their lives and to discover the mystery which each human person is;
it is to live with respect, humility and minority before each creature…

«To fulfil its mission, the Institute needs the spirit of Francis of Assisi. »

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**FRANCISCAN:**

In the spirit of Francis of Assisi, we live our vocation in the midst of the world, in simplicity and fraternity, according to the Gospel, in the search for peace and joy. We desire that Franciscan minority impregnate our whole being, because it is that which gives *Franciscan colour and flavour* to our following of Christ. It is our path to live our mission with Jesus who washed the feet of his disciples and gave Himself up so that all could have the fullness of life.

This living God is present in our *contemplation* leads us to more fully by opening our eyes those to whom we are sent, to all daily life. A *franciscan way of* discover God’s Sacred Presence and our hearts to our Sisters, to creation.

Francis of Assisi shows us gratuitously move away from towards the other; are with the another way of relation in which we: ourselves for the others; move others in conversation and solidarity.

Like Francis and Clare of Assisi, artisans of peace and good. close to the poor, we want to be

Like Francis, we want to see the devastated today, and become face of God in all Creation, which is defending our Mother Earth the destruction of which impacts on the poorest and the generations to come.

> « Like Christ, we want to approach everyone with a humble heart, ready to learn and to receive as much as to give, with his attitude of respect, acceptance of persons, openness and service. »

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**MISSIONARIES:**

The Community in Mission is a fundamental value of our life as Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Together, we renew our profound conviction of being sent until the end of our life.

For our Foundress, Mary of the Passion, « *The great missionary of the Institute is Jesus exposed and adored*». Thus we draw from the Eucharist – celebrated and contemplated in daily adoration – the strength to live our offering for the mission in complete disponibility, the gift of our whole being for the Church and the world.

We put the Word of God and the Eucharist at the heart of the mission of each day.

Called by the Spirit to cross the frontiers of culture, language and belief, we are ready to go anywhere in the world to spread the Good News of the love of God for all, journeying towards a more real solidarity with the excluded and the poorest, sometimes in the impossibility of acting, but only able to *be with*. 
Following Mary of the Passion and all those who have preceded us, we are called to defend life, justice and human dignity. With contemplative eyes, we see the poor as places of the revelation of God, who challenges us.

« To continue the mission of Mary is the special vocation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. »

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OF MARY:

Mary – first disciple of Jesus, in wonderment at the gratuitous gift of God, attentive to listen to and keep the Word, welcoming the needs of others – precedes us on the path of mission and inspires our whole life.

For Mary of the Passion, the Virgin of Nazareth is:

- a witness who walks before us;
- a life style;
- a model of simplicity, humility and disponibility to the Church and the unforeseen of God.

Women, like her, we are called to offer our whole being for the life of the world, in complete and joyful disponibility, saying our «Yes» and «Here I am» each day in union with the offering of Jesus.

Like her, we want the Spirit to accomplish in us the work of the Father.

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