

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

2011 General Assembly Direction Statement

We, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, at this crossroad in time, choose to move forward together in faith, with courage to change.

Drawn by Christ's vision of a world that is healed, reconciled and fulfilled, we open ourselves to the God who is Love and who calls us to be channels of this transforming power.

Caritas ... The Mission

In each generation, the Sisters of Charity have found ways to incarnate Charity in our world.

Invigorated by our renewed sense of mission, we take up the task anew.

Responding to the needs of our times and to the energizing power of Caritas, we commit ourselves to:

- Deepen our understanding of the Charism of Charity and its power to invigorate our work in carrying out the Mission
- Reflect and dialogue together on our call to live a life of integrated contemplation and action, and on the substantive issues of the times.

COMMITMENTS

Sponsorship

To incarnate Charity, we commit ourselves to:

- Broaden and expand our collaborative efforts including the use of technology in order to advance the mission of Charity
- Identify, educate and form future leaders and sponsors in our tradition, mission, and values for service in our sponsored works and in all of our ministries
- Support creative ministry endeavors that respond to the unmet needs of the poor and underserved.

Vocations

To explore ways to energize and share our Mission of God's love with others, we commit ourselves to:

- Examine our lifestyle, our way of community living and our prayer in order to transform our local communities into open places of hospitality
- Provide a variety of opportunities for women to experience prayer, community, and ministry including the creation of welcoming spaces
- Foster relationships via social media and other means to encourage future membership and energize our lives for mission
- Be open to new forms of membership and relationship and the formation of new groups to continue the Mission.

Eco-Spirituality and Kinship

To deepen our understanding and commitment to reverencing Earth, we commit ourselves to:

- Probe the relationship between eco-spirituality and Vincentian-Setonian spirituality
- Change how we consume material resources to be in solidarity with those most in need around the world
- Advocate for issues related to ecology grounded in our growing understanding of eco-spirituality
- Develop a land ethic for real properties and consider a land trust for Maris Stella.

Let the energy of Charity impel us, root us, inspire us, free us!

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