Embracing the Dawn



Navigating the Shifts

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Our Vision Statement

We, Maryknoll Sisters,
envision One Earth Community
where the co-creative energy
of Divine Love flows freely,
nurturing wholeness of being
in an expanding and evolving
Universe.

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Our Mission Statement

We, Maryknoll Sisters, have been engaged in God's mission and nurtured by the spirit of Mother Mary Joseph for over a century. In this time of global awareness and accelerating change, we have been called to reflect on evolutionary consciousness and its impact on our understanding of our charism and our response in mission. Recent insights have enabled us to recognize that we are one Earth Community where the energy of God's love flows freely, nurturing the wholeness of being.

Wholemaking is the overarching mission task for our time. This mission imperative requires partnering, collaborating and networking which will enable us to respond effectively to emerging and urgent needs, particularly on the margins of society.

We acknowledge that we as individuals, communities and as a Congregation generate energies that affect each other, as well as the global community. Therefore we need to heal and transform ourselves as we strive for healing and peace in our world.

We choose to engage our energies in mission by promoting the free flowing of God's love to:

- Transform the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace;
- Oppose modern-day slavery and attend to the healing and empowerment of survivors;
- Build bridges of understanding and acceptance to promote inclusivity among cultures, religions, society and within the Catholic Church;
- Promote the healing of the earth and the sustainable use of all natural resources; and
- Affect economic, political and social structures to benefit indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees and the voiceless in society.

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Our Values Statement

With fidelity to the charism
of Mother Mary Joseph,
these values ground
our Maryknoll Sisters'
vision and mission:

Wholemaking
that engenders:

~ commitment to Jesus'
discipleship of equals;

~ growing consciousness of the
Cosmic Christ in a
love infused universe;

~ living a eucharistic spirituality;

~ interdependence with dialogue
and reconciliation;

~ right relationships in
One Earth Community; and

~ efforts at sustainable living.

Contemplative Awareness
and Reflection
which includes:

~ appreciation of the sacredness
of all of life and creation;

~ striving to be contemplatives in action
in our vowed commitment;

~seeking mystical union
with the Divine in all; and

~ an attitude of gratefulness.

A missionary spirit
characterized by:

~ compassionate action on behalf
of truth, justice and peace;

~ preferential option for the poor;

~ solidarity with invisible, dispossessed
and indigenous peoples;

~ willingness to encounter
and be transformed by other
cultures and spiritualties;

~ interreligious dialogue;

~ desire to embrace our diversity and
celebrate our unity; and

~ commitment to collaboration
and networking.

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