

### Chapter 1 : Marist Missionary Sisters ~ Region of the Americas

*The Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an international missionary congregation of religious women present on six continents and in fifteen countries of the world.*

One of these was the Trappist monk Francis Pfanner. Abbot Francis embodied the spirit of Vatican II in his legacy and vision long before the Council took place. Therefore prayer and work, fidelity to the Eucharist, and devotion to the Precious Blood were also to be essential elements of the identity of the CPS, the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. This spiritual dimension was not to be separated from being involved in social concerns for the poor and marginalized. Each congregation has its unique history which reflects the spirit of its founder or foundress. We see in Francis Pfanner a personality whom God has shaped. Our Founder Our Founder: In he pronounced his first vows at the Mariawald Trappist Monastery, Germany, as Father Francis, the religious name he was given. In he was appointed Prior of Mariastern. It was even more unusual that the youngest Chapter member broke the silence of the situation, stood up and said: If no one goes, I will go! In he travelled with a group of fellow Trappists to South Africa. In Prior Francis had established the monastery of Mariannahill Mary-Ann-Hill which became already in an abbey, the biggest Trappist monastery in the world with over members. In on 1 September, as a result of his enthusiastic articles in the German Catholic press, five young German women travelled to South Africa to join his missionary work. They had a vocation to the religious life, and were eager to have a specific common rule of life. They were given red material to sew a simple uniform which they wore for the first time on 8 September , and received their community rules, this is considered the date of the founding of our Congregation, the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. Francis Pfanner recruited all the new members of the newly founded congregation personally up to He spread a net of mission stations over the southern part of Natal, South Africa, and beyond, with his monks and the Sisters. A great problem was the conflict between mission activity and the Trappist rule. It became so acute that he had to resign as Abbot of Mariannahill.

## Chapter 2 : Marist Missionary Sisters

*PRAY, making miracles happen in difficult missionary situations. VOCATION, become a Holy Rosary Sister and commit your life to Christ and his mission. DONATE, help to spread the gospel by giving financial assistance.*

Pastoral Ministry In some areas of the world where local church personnel are few, Marist Missionary Sisters minister at the diocesan or parish level to help develop the faith of the people and to promote local leadership within the Church. At times we need to respond to very basic needs of people in a particular area: Work to Stop Human Trafficking Across the United States, as well as in other countries, members of religious congregations of women have become more aware of the growing crime of human trafficking and are actively working to oppose it and to give assistance to victims. In the San Francisco area, Sister M. She has been invited to speak at different events throughout the country. An important project of this group has been to make hotel staff more aware of this problem and ready to report it to authorities. John Paul Chao speaking at an Anti-Slavery gathering. Partners in Mission Generous "partners in mission" near and far have helped us to serve in some of the poorest areas of the world, and to respond to some of the greatest needs at a grassroots level. Here are some examples of what your donations have provided see photos 1. Scholarships for needy students at the Buhangija Secondary School in Tanzania. Many of the students are orphans whose parents have died of AIDS. With your help our sisters have been able to accept more girls at the school, and also provided better boarding accommodation. If you wish to make a donation to either of these projects, please click on the "Donate" page on the Menu above. Sr Makelita Meni, from Samoa, has served as Principal since Shinyanga is a poor rural area where people place a high value on education, but struggle to pay for school fees and all the other basics, including food and transportation. These farming families have suffered a lot from drought in recent years. About 40 of the students are orphans who are very much in need of help to complete their education. The school has made a lot of progress due to the dedication of the Sisters and lay teachers, the hard work of the students and the generosity of benefactors like you. The standard of education has risen dramatically, and physical improvements have been made to the school especially the construction of new dormitories, so that more boarders could be accepted. Daily travel to school is not possible for many who live at a distance. In there were just 50 boarding students, all girls. Today, there are girls boarding and 50 boys. Sister Makelita Meni, Principal, with a graduating scholarship student. Sisters and students before the blessing of the ground for new dormitory construction 4. The Society of Mary SM The Marists began in Lyons, France, when, on July 23rd, a small group of newly-ordained priests and seminarians gathered in the chapel of Our Lady of Fourviere and promised to begin a new order in the Church. He quietly worked on a vision and a Rule for this new congregation. By, he obtained permission from the local Bishop for the small band of Marist priests to go about preaching in the isolated villages in the mountains. He became the first superior of the Marist Fathers and the founder of the Society of Mary, which includes both priests and brothers SM. The Society gained Vatican approval in The Pope asked them to send missionaries to the Pacific Islands, and on Christmas Eve of the same year, the first band of Marist Missionaries set sail for the Pacific. These Marist Brothers have become the largest branch of the Marist Family and their work of education continues in many countries of the world. Beginning in France, the Marist Sisters, too, are involved in different types of ministries and are present in many different countries. Colin as superior General, other French women began to follow, until by eleven Sisters had departed for Oceania. During those years several Pacific Island women joined the Sisters. At first our sisters followed the Rule of the Third Order of Mary and took a vow of obedience to the bishop of the area in which they served. Only gradually did we become organized into one congregation named the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary, approved by Rome in After that we became open to worldwide mission and began serving in other parts of the world from Africa to Latin America, to Asia to any place in which there is a need for missionary service. Sr Annemarie Woeste, right, accompanies young women who are discerning their vocation in Tanzania 2. In Montego Bay, Jamaica: Sisters Mary Michaeline and Catia Conterno at an Assembly in Waltham, Massachusetts "As the sap nourishes the plant and makes it bear fruit, so prayer nourishes our lives consecrated for mission making them fruitful If you

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have a special intention that you would like us to remember in prayer, please write to us through the Contact page on this website. A list of these intentions is placed at the door of the chapel of our senior residence in Waltham, Massachusetts, as a reminder to each sister entering the chapel to pray for your needs. If you would like to inscribe someone, living or deceased, in this League of Prayer, please contact our Office see Contact Page. There are Mass Cards available for families of those recently deceased, or for other occasions.

**Chapter 3 : Home - Consolata Sisters**

*We, the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, CPS (the abbreviation CPS stands for Congregatio Pretiosi Sanguinis in Latin), are an international congregation of women, founded by the Trappist Abbot Francis Pfanner in Mariannahill, near Durban, South Africa, on the 8 th of September*

He grew up a devout but strong-willed boy, wanting to become a missionary. To that end, he joined the Order of Friars Minor when he was of age. For this, he enlisted a small community of cloistered Conceptionist nuns established in the region, who were at time a branch of the Poor Clares , the contemplative Second Order within the Franciscan Order, founded in Spain in the 15th century. As contemplatives, however, they lacked the experience and training for teaching. He had this on his mind when he traveled to Germany on a fundraising trip. It was in the course of this trip that he met the woman who would help him fulfill his plans. She was a frail child, prone to ill health. Early in her life, she learned to love God and would accompany her mother in visiting the sick and bringing food to the poor. When she was a teenager she joined the Third Order of St. The young Tombrock developed a great love for children and chose to become a teacher. As a teacher, she devoted herself to educating her charges with knowledge, life values, and a great love for Jesus and his Mother. Her career was cut short, however, as she was diagnosed with tuberculosis in her bones in Eventually she was diagnosed as incurable and advised to prepare for her death. Miracle and vocation[ edit ] Not abandoning hope, Tombrock made a pilgrimage to the famed Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, noted for the many healing miracles which had taken place there. Arriving there on 15 August , she took part in a religious ceremony. In the course of that service, she seemed to become unconscious for some twenty minutes. Later she recounted that she had been conscious during that time, but was filled with the fullness of happiness She was found to have been totally cured of the disease. Back in her beloved classroom, Tombrock knew she wanted to dedicate her life to God. She struggled, however, whether to enter the cloistered Poor Clares or to volunteer as a missionary for overseas service. At that point, she and Bahlmann came into contact with one another. Later, Tombrock was in the process of writing a letter to the Poor Clares seeking admission to the cloister. She stopped and knelt in prayer for final guidance in this step. At that moment, there was a knock at the door and she received a telegram from Bishop Bahlmann, asking her if she were willing to become a missionary in Brazil and teach poor children there. Tombrock felt that this was her answer from God. The missions[ edit ] After an abbreviated period of training in the life of the Poor Clares, Tombrock was conditionally received into the Order of St. Clare and given the habit of the Franciscan Second Order on 15 August , the anniversary of her miraculous healing. At that time, she received the name of Sister Maria Immaculata of Jesus. Soon after that she and Bahlmann set sail for Brazil. Together they moved into an old mansion, which was to serve as their monastery as well as an orphanage and school. The small community then began their canonical novitiate. The house was in poor condition, and the town was a poor one. Yet, despite continued poor health due to the climate and diet, Mother Immaculata led the group successfully. After a brief fundraising and recruiting trip to Germany, she was professed on the Feast of the Epiphany 6 January The next day she was formally appointed as abbess of the community by Bahlmann. The financial struggles remained, though. There she received a solution to their money worries, but not an easy one. Bonaventure University , in central New York State. Bonaventure University[ edit ] Mother Immaculata was reluctant to commit her community to this work, but eventually concluded that it was the best solution to their financial stability. She summoned a group of nuns and established a small convent for them on the grounds of the university. It was a struggle for them, even the Germans, as their training had been as teachers, not the feeding of hundreds of friars, seminarians , professors and students. Mother Immaculata resumed her fundraising tour around the country. On her return to the university during , preparing to go back to Brazil, she found the nuns struggling with their new tasks and went to help. The abbess wanted to help and was carrying a basket of cutlery when she suffered a heart attack. Even worse, she was on some stairs at the time, and suffered a severe fall, which left her unable to walk. She was diagnosed as having badly damaged her shoulder and having displacing two ribs. She was referred to a hospital in New York City , where she was advised that she would

eventually be paralyzed for the rest of her life, and that she could not survive a trip to Brazil. She was never to return there. During that trip, Mother Immaculata purchased an old farmhouse in Paterson, New Jersey, where she established the novitiate of the congregation. Early in 1863, the abbess became bedridden and in July of that year was transported to the convent at St. Bonaventure, where she spent the rest of her life. Missionary Sisters[ edit ] Mother Immaculata proceeded to govern the communities of the monastery from her sickbed. Groups of young German women continued to join Brazilians in seeking admission to the community. Soon Pope Pius X asked the community to expand their field of labors to other countries in need. Changes in Church law at the time made a change of structure necessary. At that time, the name of the community was changed to the current one, indicating their origins in the Conceptionist Order, but showing their new status. Deaths of the founders[ edit ] Mother Immaculata died peacefully in her bed at St. Bonaventure on 23 April 1900, surrounded by her Sisters. Currently[ edit ] In their response to the call of the pope, the congregation established missions in China, which, after the Chinese Communist Revolution, were forced to relocate to Taiwan, but recently some of the Sisters have returned to the mainland to work. They now also serve in Angola, Bolivia and Namibia. The Missionary Sisters remained at St. Bonaventure until the 1950s. At that point, they moved the administration of the congregation to the novitiate in Paterson. From the time she joined the congregation, she became a leading social activist, caring for the poor and defending the rights of workers in that country. At the time of her death, Pontes had been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, she had received two personal audiences with Pope John Paul II, and she had, almost single-handedly, created one of the largest and most respected philanthropic organizations in Brazil, the Social Works Foundation of Sister Dulce.

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### Chapter 5 : Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver of North America

*Met with the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Norristown this afternoon. The Sisters do great work feeding the homeless and others in need daily.*

### Chapter 6 : Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God - Wikipedia

*Our first of ten meetings for our discernment vocation program will be on Sunday, September 9, It will start at am. and will be over by p.m.*

### Chapter 7 : Untitled Document

*Beside the candles - a symbol of growing unity - we have this carving called In God's Hand - a symbol of Hope and Trust for our EU Province.. God's hand supports three people - holding the new EU Province established from 2 provinces/ 1 region, comprising 5 countries - all represented here today.*

### Chapter 8 : Eucharistic Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Los Angeles - Los Angeles, CA

*Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Nyeri are a religious family that has inherited the precious gift of the Holy Spirit's passion and compassion that irrupted in the consciousness of our founders Mother Julia Muthoni, Mother Jusepha Wambui, Sr. Filippina Njeri and Bishop Filipo Perlo.*

## Chapter 9 : Generalate - Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood

*Medical Mission Sisters Associate Yira Infante is a special healing presence to the barrio children in Barquisimeto, Venezuela.*