

MISSION



CHARISM →→→ MISSION

Charism is grace given by God's Spirit for the good of the world.

Mission is how we put the Spirit's grace to work for good.

MISSION DEFINED

From Latin *missionem* - act of sending, a dispatching;

Also *mittere* - to release, let go; send, throw

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Mission is a way of naming God’s initiative, the work of God’s own Spirit who is renewing the face of the earth. ... by God’s grace and foolishness, [we] are called, challenged and commissioned to participate ... God’s mission has [us], individually and collectively...”

Fr. Anthony Gittens

SOURCES OF MISSION: BAPTISM

Our first consecration and our induction into God’s mission was our Baptism, when we were signed by the cross for Christ.

These faithful are by baptism made one body with Christ...; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission ... in the world. *Light of the Nations, §31*

GOD’S MISSION UNDERSTOOD THROUGH JESUS’ LIFE

We know God’s mission through the life of Jesus:

Matthew, Chapter 22: 34-40

Jesus narrows the hundreds of Jewish laws to just two and proclaims them the bedrock of the whole law and the wisdom of the prophets.

**GOD'S MISSION UNDERSTOOD
THROUGH JESUS' LIFE**

We know God's mission through the life of Jesus:

Luke, Chapter 4: 16-21

The mission of God is also about justice, whole-making, liberation.

**GOD'S MISSION UNDERSTOOD
THROUGH JESUS' LIFE**

Love of God and all people.

Justice for all.

SOURCES OF MISSION: PERSONAL

Some have personal missions arising from encounters, crisis, needs of loved ones and other important circumstances.

SOURCES OF MISSION: VINCENTIAN

St. Vincent de Paul initiated the Vincentian mission:

- To participate in the mission of Christ;**
- To love and serve people who are poor, especially the most abandoned & vulnerable;**
- To collaborate with others; and**
- To act simply, humbly and with great love.**

SOURCES OF MISSION: SCL

Impelled by the love of Christ, we, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, offer every loving service in our power to meet the critical needs of God's people.

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT CHAPTER 2016

We, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, affirm our call to communion and mission as women of the Church. In the spirit of our heritage, we continue to seek the path of charity and justice in our day.

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT CHAPTER 2016

Impelled by our baptismal commitment, we claim as our own the prophetic mission of Jesus and our call to discipleship.

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT CHAPTER 2016

In collaboration with those who also embrace Gospel values, we affirm our evolving charism and re-envision our ministry and sponsored works to sustain our mission.

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT CHAPTER 2016

Mindful of the fragility of the earth and of the suffering of God's people, especially the exploited and marginalized, we commit ourselves to address these critical needs and their systemic causes.

SOURCES OF MISSION: SCL ASSOCIATE

**Impelled by the love of Christ,
we strive to make a difference as we
pray,
serve with joy,
act with justice,
build community and
care for all creation.**

QUOTES ABOUT MISSION

“Continuing the mission of Christ ... ought to be seen as a hunger and thirst for justice, a desire to build the kingdom of God and his justice.”

Sr. Maria Pilar Lopez, D.C., The Prophetic Dimension of the Vincentian Charism in light of the Social Doctrine of the Church

QUOTES ABOUT MISSION

“Notwithstanding my age and infirmities, I do not hold myself excused from the obligation of laboring in the service of the poor ... If my voice is too weak to be heard in great cathedrals, ...what will prevent me from gathering a few poor people around my chair and speaking to them of God’s love?”

St. Vincent de Paul

QUOTES ABOUT MISSION

“I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing...Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and God himself is present in their lives.”

Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel, §273.

REFLECT

How do these missions intersect?

How do I keep the mission central in my life?

What aspect of mission is a struggle for me?

Something I heard that stayed with me....
