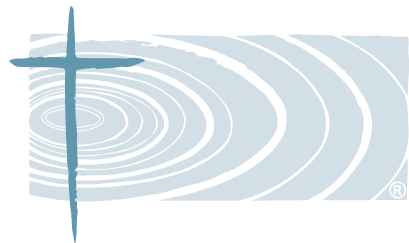




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# Do you feel called to follow Christ as a *Sister*?



**Everyone has a vocation or calling.** For some the calling is marriage, for others it is the single life and still for others it is religious life. Each is a way to live out our Baptismal call sharing our gifts in service to God and others. We are available to walk with you as you discern whether religious life might be a life-giving choice for you.

As a young woman Katharina Kasper urged by the voice of the Spirit responded to the social needs of her village in Dernbach, Germany. In 1851 she founded the congregation of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. In 1868 Poor Handmaids arrived in America to address the needs of the German immigrants. Today, a century and a half later, we find Poor Handmaids still ministering in education and in caring for the health, social and spiritual needs of the vulnerable and underserved with particular attention to women and children.







**PHJC Sisters, Associates, and Volunteers serving at Casa Catalina in Chicago.**

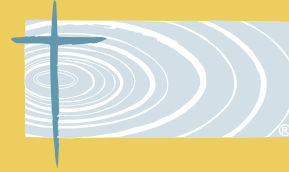
# Today

Poor Handmaids are an international congregation of 500+ Sisters and 120+ women in formation in nine countries on five continents living and ministering in the spirit of Saint Katharina Kasper.

# Serving

in Love as a Sister

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## Our Mission as Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

We are a community of vowed women religious imbued with the charism of our foundress, Saint Katharina Kasper, who partnered in the work of the Spirit throughout her life. Our call to ministry is based on our diverse gifts to meet the needs of our time and of our planet with practicality, creativity and adaptability. Our presence globally is recognized more by the love and simplicity with which we serve than by any particular ministry. Our desire to be faithful to contemplative prayer, dialogue and discernment opens us to contributing to the evolution of religious life. **We invite others to join us**, in embracing life in the Spirit.





Listen prayerfully

Live simply

Serve joyfully

“Religious life is always about seeking the centrality of God in community with others. The Poor Handmaid charism of attentiveness and courage is caught by the image of a simple touch to a small pool of water creating ripples that radiate outward.”

– Poor Handmaid Sister



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# Do you feel called to follow Christ as a **Volunteer?**

“When I stepped off of the plane I was overwhelmed with hospitality and generosity of the community that I was stepping into. Everywhere I turned, I was greeted with such warmth, welcoming, and love. The Sisters took me into their home, shared their lives with me, laughed, prayed, and relaxed with me, guided and counseled me...”

– Miriam Pritschet, PHJC Volunteer Program participant



The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Volunteer Program offers single, Christian women unique opportunities in a faith-based context to live out their Baptismal call to share God's presence in the world. **Partner with us today!**



# Benefits of serving



Social justice involvement

Experience of cultural diversity

Discernment of goals and life options

Deepening of prayer life

Personal growth



Valuable life experience

Challenge your own perspectives

Commitment to simple living

Develop life-long friendships

Professional & educational enrichment

Stand out to employers



Learn or strengthen a foreign language

PHJC based social network



Live in faith-based, intentional community

Work for social justice

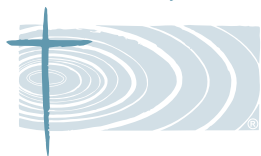
Room & Board

Local transportation/mileage while serving

Monthly stipend



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## Questions about serving as a Sister?

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## Questions about serving as a Volunteer?



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