



Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Community Statement

As Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, rooted in the Gospel and the spirit of *Saint Katharina Kasper*, we wholeheartedly affirm the Leadership Conference for Women Religious (LCWR) statement on the unfolding crisis in Venezuela.

In fidelity to our call to **listen prayerfully, live simply, and serve joyfully**, we join in denouncing the use of military force to resolve political conflicts and stand in solidarity with the Venezuelan people in their pursuit of peace, justice, and democratic integrity.

We believe all life has an inherent right to thrive. Therefore, we commit to standing with those whose rights are denied, especially the poor and powerless, as taught in our Core Values and Belief Statements.

Echoing the LCWR and the teachings of the Church, we call for diplomacy over violence, and for leaders to act with moral responsibility. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us:

"Let us all pray together for peace: first, among nations bloodied by conflict and suffering, but also within our homes, in families wounded by violence or pain."

In prayer and contemplation, and through our shared ministry, we recommit ourselves to faithful action and trusting in the Spirit who continually leads us toward a future rooted in justice and peace.

*In the healing presence of God,
The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ*