

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ

One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth

Anniversary of the Congregation

Eucharistic Celebration

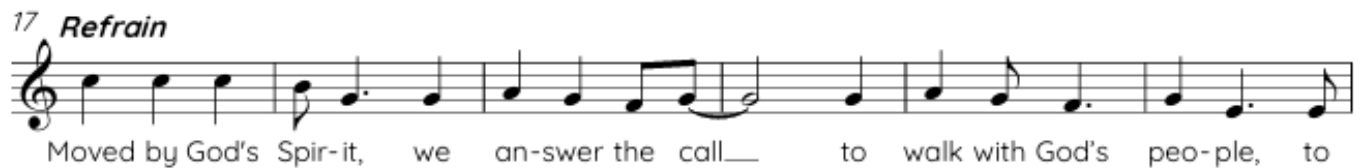
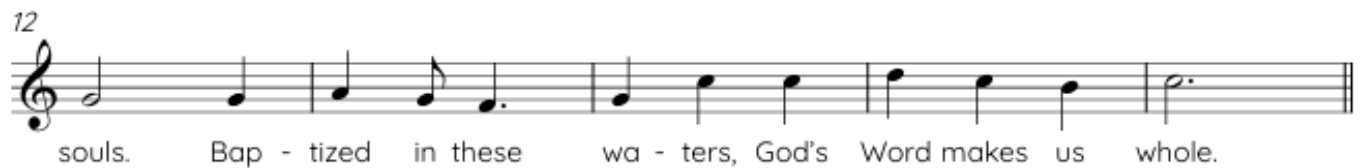
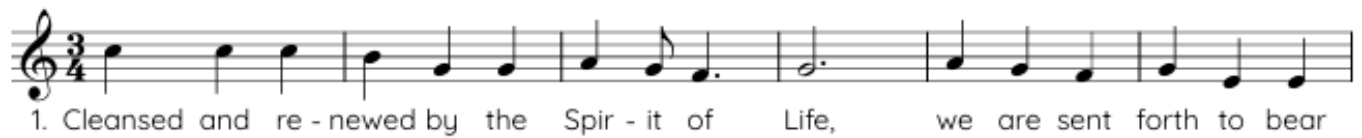


August 2nd, 2026

Ancilla Domini Chapel
The Center at Donaldson

Gathering Hymn

Moved by the Spirit
by Sister Connie Bach, PHJC



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3. Flames of fire___ trans-form and ig- nite,___ guid-ing the heart through the

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dark - est of nights. Set - ting a - blaze our hearts, pur - i - fied;

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— bring - ing to oth - ers the Light burn-ing bright. *to Refrain*

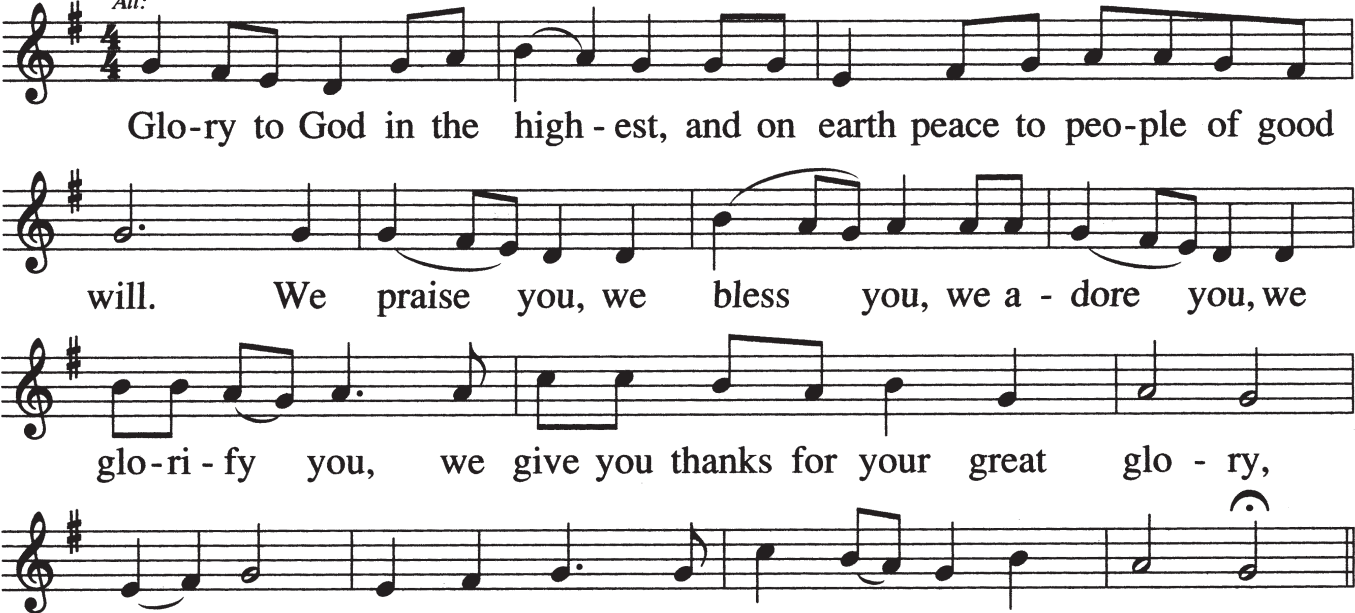


Painting by Peter Molitor, 1876

Gloria

A New Mass for Congregations

All:



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.

Choir (Congr. ad lib):



Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

All:

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Isaiah 55: 1-3

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;

Come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread;
your wages for what fails to satisfy?

Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.

Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,
the benefits assured to David.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain



Verses

1. Protect me, Lord; I come to you for safety.
I say, "You are my God."
All good things, Lord, all good things
that I have come from you,
the God of my salvation.
2. How wonderful are your gifts to me,
how good they are!
I praise the Lord who guides me
and teaches me the way of truth and life.
3. You are near, the God I seek.
Nothing can take me from your side.
All my days I rest secure;
you will show me the path that leads to life.

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Reading II

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters:
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis



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Cantor:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said,

“This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them,

“There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.”

But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.”

Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Renewal of Vows

Creed



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Prayers of the Faithful

These nine intercessions focus on each of the Poor Handmaid provinces and regions and are spoken in the native language of each. Please respond as indicated below. After each person prays an intercession she will place a loaf of bread from the country she represents on the steps of the altar to signify the Poor Handmaid oneness at the center of our congregational diversity.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of Germany where the congregation was born, that the deep roots and providential spirit that formed our congregation remain strong in their life and ministry,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of Germany.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of the Netherlands, who early in their history offered refuge for German Poor Handmaid novices from the imposed restrictions of the German government, that they continue their welcoming spirit for the refugees of today,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of the Netherlands.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of the United States, that their lives continue to be permeated with the same generosity and courage shown by the first Poor Handmaids to those they served and cared for as they began their ministry in America in 1868,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of the United States.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of England whose first ministry was among impoverished immigrants that with presence and care they continue to support the vulnerable of their neighborhoods,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of England.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of India that through their ministries of health care, education and social services they continue to touch the lives of those most in need with their selfless service,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of India.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of Mexico as they with joyful witness continue their ministries of participation in parish communities, empowerment of indigenous women and healthcare support of indigent persons,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of Mexico.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of Brazil that through their retreat and parish ministry, and especially their connection with youth, lead to an enhanced faith life for individuals and families,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of Brazil.

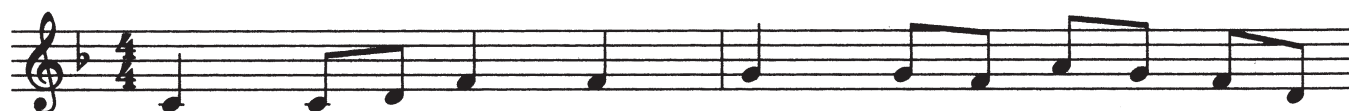
We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of Kenya as they accompany Christians with faith formation, spiritual support and social outreach, giving hope through empowering the lives of individuals and families,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of Kenya.

We pray for the Poor Handmaid Sisters of Nigeria that they may continue their dedication to community engagement and impact on society through the education of young persons, significantly enhancing their future opportunities,
Holy Spirit, bless the Poor Handmaids of Nigeria.

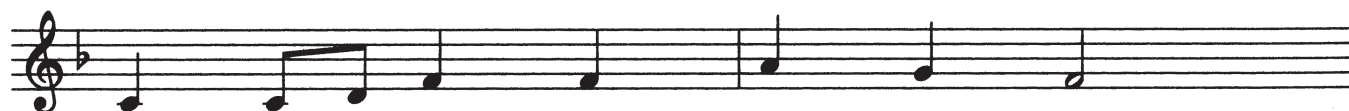
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

As We Gather at Your Table



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble,
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon



As we lis - ten to your word,
In the sac - ra - ment of life;
Oth - er guests to share that feast



Help us know, O God, your pres - ence;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come



Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with
Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your
Those who had been last and least. There no more will



sa - cred sto - ry Till we claim it as our own;
great com - pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave;
en - vy blind us, Nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



Teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet
May we still be - hold your im - age
As we join with saints and an - gels



How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
In the world you died to save.
To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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Holy

Jubilation Mass



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of



hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho -



san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

Jubilation Mass

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain."

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain.

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Great Amen

Jubilation Mass

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "A-men, a-men, a-men. A-men, a-men, a-men."

A-men, a-men, a-men. A-men, a-men, a-men.

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Lamb of God

Jubilation Mass

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second is for All. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace."

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. *All:* world, grant us peace.

To repeat *Last time*

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Communion Hymn

Let Us Be Bread



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro - ken and shared,

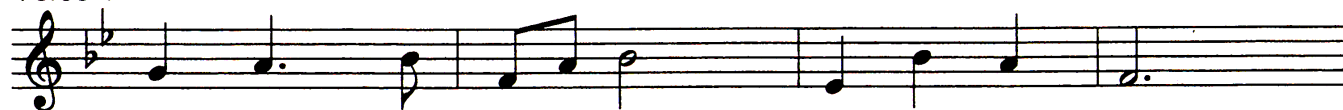


life for the world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.



Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1



1. I am the bread of life, bro - ken for all.



D.C.

Eat now and hun - ger no more.

Verse 2



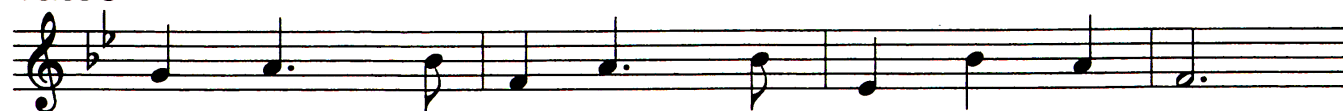
2. You are my friends if you keep my com - mands,



D.C.

no long - er ser - vants but friends.

Verse 3



3. See how my peo - ple have noth - ing to eat.



D.C.

Give them the bread that is you.

Verse 4

4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. D.C.

Go and live on in my love.

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Pan de Vida



*Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,



cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.



At this ta - ble the last shall be first, **po -



der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses



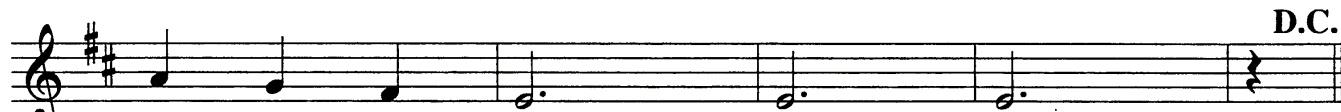
1. We are the dwell-ing of God,
 ***2. Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," me in -
 3. There is no Jew or Greek,



fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the
 cli - no_a la - var - les los pies. Ha - gan lo
 there is no slave or free; there is no



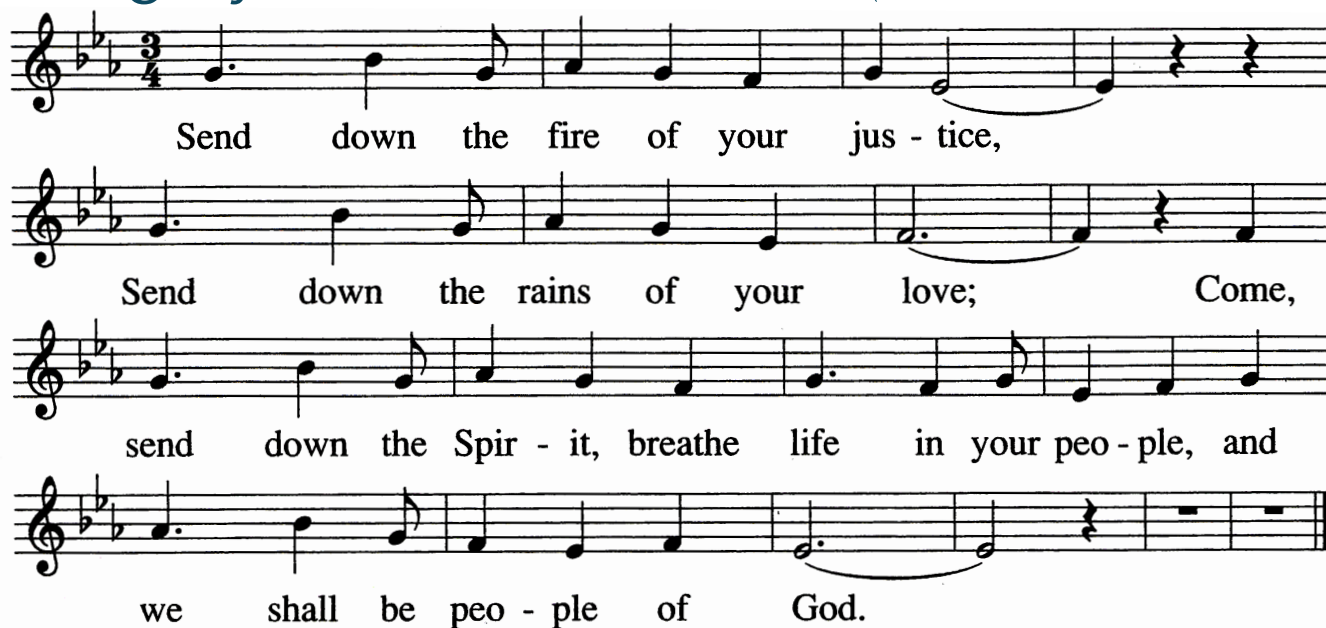
bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -
 mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se
 wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the



pas - sion of God.
 u - nos a o - tros.
 prom - ise of God.

Closing Hymn

Send Down the Fire



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
 Send down the rains of your love; Come,
 send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
 we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
 2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
 3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
 4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,

Teach us the song of your love; Give us
 Teach us the way of your peace; Give us
 Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your

hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
 hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
 right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
 ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
 walk in the way of your peace.
 burn with the fire of your truth.
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ.

D.C.

Prayer for the 175th Anniversary

Moved by God's Spirit, we pray with hearts full of gratitude and joy as we celebrate 175 years of Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ presence and service in nine countries around the globe.

Just as you, Holy Spirit, accompanied Saint Katharina Kasper in her day, we ask you to accompany us with guidance and the challenge to continue expressing Katharina's charism in the world today.

We remember with deep gratitude the generations who have gone before us, their sacrifices and their dedication. We honor our history and our spiritual ancestry and commit anew to following their example and your guidance into the future. Knit us together in love and unity, Divine Spirit, as we pray, minister and grow together as a congregation.

In kinship with the Fiat Spiritus Community and the PHJC Associate Community we celebrate our common charism as the Spiritual Family of Saint Katharina. We ask you, Holy Spirit, to strengthen our hands for service and our hearts with compassion. Expand and deepen our attentiveness and courage to continue your mission in the world with hope and justice and solidarity with the poor and vulnerable among us.

For all these graces and blessings, we pray to you with confidence and trust as did our Foundress, Saint Katharina in 1851 when she gifted the world with the beginnings of the congregation of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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A Message of Thanks

Gratitude is like a faceted diamond reflecting light from each of its many planes. Each slight turn shows another glimmer of the beauty of the gem. Thus it is with the celebration of the 175 years of the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ congregation. What we are celebrating first and foremost is the steadfast love and faithfulness of the Divine for each one of us throughout every moment of the 175 years of the congregation 1851 – 2026. The brilliance of the providence of God cannot be outdone by any other gift of these years.

Diamonds are formed from carbon under extreme conditions creating unique shapes, varied textures and diverse colors. This is a beautiful description of the international and intercultural diversity of the PHJC congregation. We thank God for the fiery sparkle of Saint Katharina's charism that beckoned women from nine countries and five continents to become a living manifestation of her charism through prayer, ministry and presence in the world.

Another feature of the diamond is the cutting and polishing of the gem. Moved by God's Spirit the PHJC congregation is being continuously refined, expanded and deepened through partnering with the Associate Community, the Fiat Spiritus Community and all others who partner in the work of the Spirit. Our deepest gratitude for the visible reality of love and service expressed through our many companions and partners.

Moved by God's Spirit and by our deep gratitude for the past 175 years we thank Bishop Rhoades and all who are celebrating this liturgy with us and for all those who have been part of the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ in so many other ways.

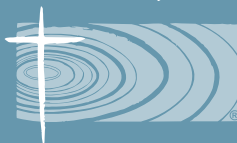
*In the spirit of Saint Katharina Kasper,
The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ
United States Province*

*"If we serve our loving God eagerly and love God intimately,
God will always be with us and remain with us."*



Saint Katharina Kasper

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ



Partners in the work of the Spirit