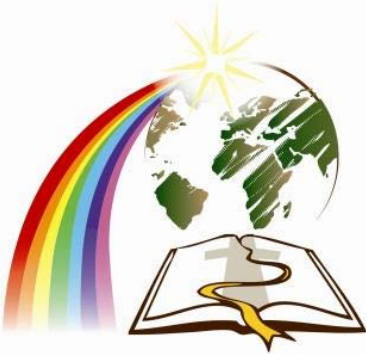


The XVI GENERAL CHAPTER of the Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles July 2013

Women Apostles,
rooted in the Word of God,
dare to be seeds of communion and hope



"Live in unity... and they will believe..."
Jn 17:21



15th Day of the Chapter

Today we started working on the texts of the Chapter in plenary Assembly with theme of "Charism and Mission".

This morning's prayer, prepared by the District of Algeria, introduced us to it, a prayer that was both Question and Challenge.

In her Introduction, Sr. Sandra CATAPANO, Delegate from Algeria to this Chapter, shared with us a small image of this Mission in Algeria. " Even if it happens that the mission in Algeria is misunderstood or even suspected for other reasons, the Church, like her Lord, is urged on by a movement of Love which pulls her in irresistible way to meet everyone because she is fed from the love of God Himself who goes out encounter each and every one of us.

At this moment, where the world is shaken by interreligious violence, tensions between Islam and the other Religions, our Church of Algeria is a bearer of a Testimony, not of Tolerance or of a simple cohabitation between Christians and Muslims, but a witness of a spiritual encounter which sometimes goes as far as the admiring of the presence of God in the other, of the faith of the other, following the example of Jesus. "

This magnificent introduction confirms for us once more, that our presence in Algeria, and in the zones where brothers and sisters suffer in interpersonal relationships, our presence, we were saying, is necessary, because it becomes prophetic.

At this Chapter, once again, the cry of our world in distress rises up to us. It is knocking on our ears and at our hearts!

What will we do with it concretely?

It is in a bid to respond to this question that we seek to ACTUALISE our Charism and our Mission to meet the DIMENSIONS of our world.

