

***WITH MARY, GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT,
TOWARDS THE PERIPHERIES OF OUR WORLD...***



***COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF APOSTLES 2014***

HYMN

“In fidelity to our charism for evangelization, we the Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles, wish to live a prophetic religious life in our world today, always going to the periphery.

‘With the audacity of the Apostles, we commit our lives to the service of the Gospel, ready to risk all for the Lord.’ (Const. 7)”. (Acts Gen. Chap. 2013 p. 9)

Mt 25.34:40

‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Time for sharing on the Gospel passage.

THANKSGIVING HYMN

*“May the whole of ministry be in a missionary key.
We must come out of ourselves to all
the existential peripheries and grow in audacity.
The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the Living God
and saves us from the threat of a Church, closed in on herself;
He impels us to open the doors and go forth
to proclaim and bear witness to the Good News of the Gospel,
to communicate the joy of faith and the encounter with Christ.
The Holy Spirit is the soul of ‘mission’.”*

(Homily of Pope Francis: Pentecost, 2013)

For us, Sisters of our Lady of Apostles, Mary is closely linked to the presence and gift of the Holy Spirit.
“The Holy Virgin has the responsibility for making the Apostles persevere in their waiting for the Holy Spirit” P. Planque

“Never forget to invoke Mary, because it is through her that you receive the Holy Spirit”. P. Planque

With the entire Institute, let us begin our prayer from today, the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Apostles, June 6th, and continue daily until the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th 2014, asking Mary to intercede for us and ask for the grace to allow ourselves be guided by the Spirit in our apostolic option for the marginalized.

*Mary, Virgin and Mother,
you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,
welcomed the word of life,
give us a holy courage to seek new paths,
that we may bring to all the good news of Jesus.
Help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.
Mother of the living Gospel,
pray for us.
Amen. Alleluia!*

(Cf. Pope François – *Evangelii Gaudium*)