

In the solemnity of Christ the King, we were asked to share about our identity and mission as religious community here in West Chicago. We see this invitation very provident because the year of Consecrated Life begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent in 2014 and concludes on the 1st Sunday of February in 2016.

Our community's name is **Daughters of the Mother of God, our Lady of the New Covenant**. It started 21 years ago, in Colombia, as a fruit of the Trinitarian Spirituality Children of the Mother of God. For the mercy of God, since September 17 2013, three sisters arrived to share our faith and our life at Saint Mary's Parish. Our small local community, or "**Trinitarian cell**," is formed for Sister Ligia Lopez, Sister Yolanda Forero (perpetual vows sisters from Colombia) and Sister Rosanny Contreras (with temporal vows from the Dominican Republic).

Our charisma is **to Receive, to Live and to Give Jesus Christ, imitating to Mary Most Holy, in the Church and in the world, in order to "Christofinalization"**. To make our charisma a reality the key point is to work in our own conversion's state-process, which we call "**Virginity**," understood as cleanness and liberty of everything that is not from God. From the "Virginity" we seek to discover, step by step, the loving plan of God and to dispose ourselves to complete it, in loving service wherever and however that the circumstances require it.

As a community, we intend to achieve from the state - process of personal conversion that Christ be the beginning, the center and the end of our lives, for living as authentic Christians, the christofinalization is achieved in the community, family, environment, society and the world. In other words it is to accept, live and proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

"It is not therefore a matter of inventing a "new program". The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition, it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfillment in the heavenly Jerusalem." (NMI 29)

We seek to contemplate the face of Jesus in Mary. We embrace her as our Mother, teacher, and model, to do with certainty in God's work. By going to the "**School**" of Mary, we learn of Christ, to penetrate his secrets, to understand his message.

Before our arrival to Saint Mary's, and much more after arriving, the prayer for each one of the person who integrates our parish community has been our need so that God continues sowing, cultivating, and spreading His Kingdom. Since our arrival to the United States, we have been studying English at the College of Dupage. Actually, we are helping with the religious education program, visiting the children's families and supporting the spirituality group of the parish. In this way, we welcome the proposal of our pastor father John Balluff, who has not only a clear vision of the parish and its needs, but also a wise discernment to address them.

"To go always from less to more. Everything that is great starts from what is elemental; from the simple and small." (Acta 126.HMD)

Hna Yolanda. HMD