

**RELIGIOUS OF THE SACRED HEART OF MARY  
Brazilian Province**



**STATEMENT**

We, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, with a vibrant heart and joyful in hope, gathered as Chapter of the Brazilian Province, in Belo Horizonte, MG, November 17 - 21, 2018.

Enlightened by the Word of God, aware of the Brazilian reality and of the world, we were challenged by the theme ***"Called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ, building bridges of Justice and Solidarity."***

Moved by prayer and discernment, we experienced the Spirit acting in the Chapter Community, which was enriched by the meaningful presence of our collaborators who serve in the various ministries.

Our Charism, the particular gift of the Spirit given to the Venerable Father Jean Gailhac, brings us together in the Church for the life of the world and calls us to live our mission in sharing with others.

We recognize the grace of Pope Francis' ministry to the Church, calling us continually to be a Church which 'goes forth' and to act as prophets in responding to the *cries of the earth and the poor*, in our wounded, fragmented, and divided world.

Centered in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, and in an attitude of active listening, in dialogue, and in welcoming and encountering differences that are enriching, we commit ourselves to:

1. Reviving the Vocational Awareness.
2. Investing in the formation of the newer members, empowering their gifts and skills for the mission.
3. Strengthening the formation of Sisters and Collaborators, in deepening the Charism, Spirituality, Shared Mission and Leadership.
4. Reaffirming our option for the poor, especially children, young people and women, promoting Justice and building Solidarity.
5. Caring for our *Common Home*, in committing ourselves to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.
6. Intensifying concrete gestures of sharing our human and financial resources, our material goods, movable and immovable, with projects committed to those whose life is threatened and with the victims of injustice.



*May Mary, our model as disciple and pilgrim woman, who knew how to build bridges by her active presence and spirit of solidarity, accompany us and intercede for us with her Son, Jesus. Amen.*