

# Religious Life

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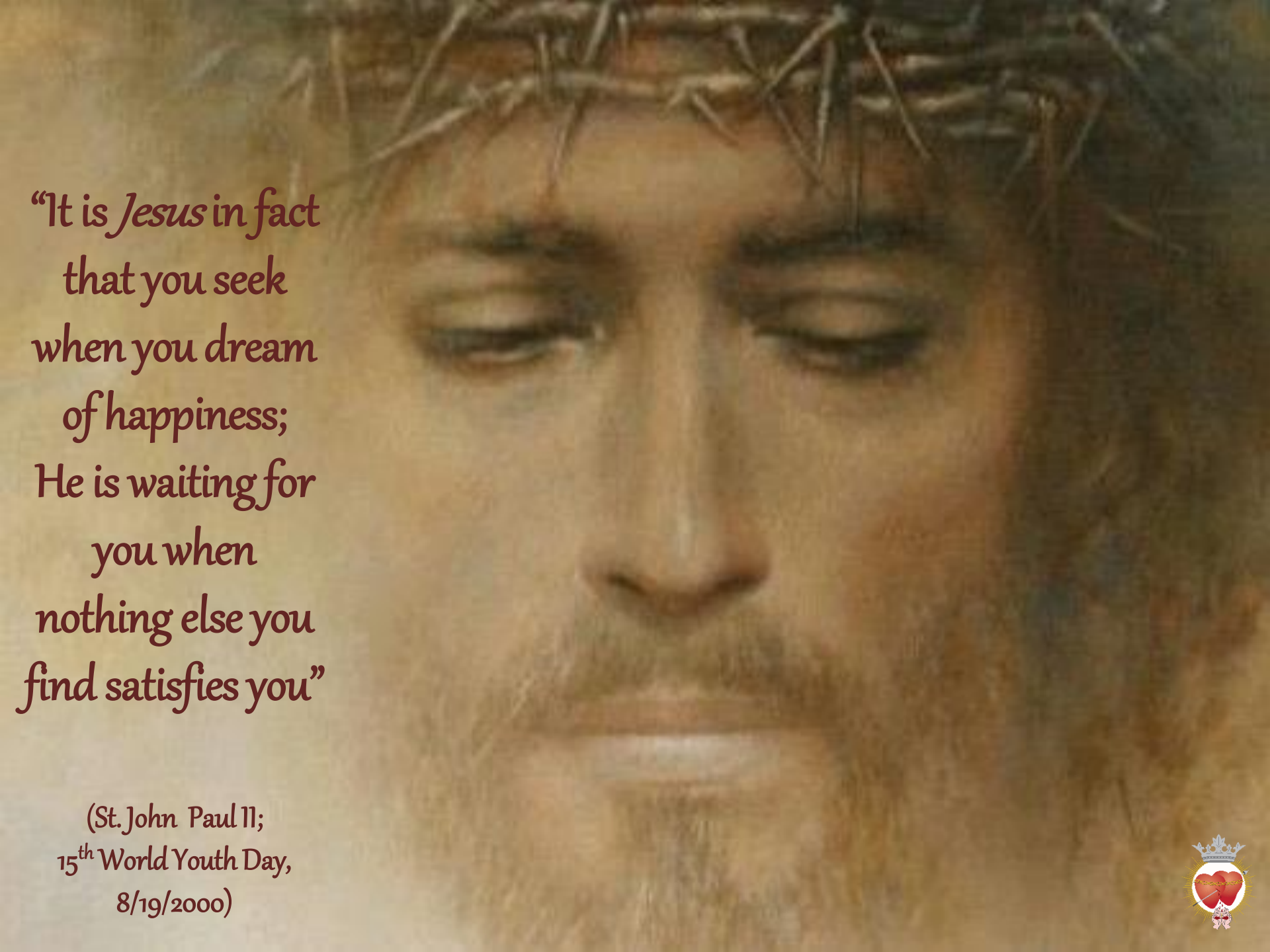
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*“It is Jesus in fact  
that you seek  
when you dream  
of happiness;  
He is waiting for  
you when  
nothing else you  
find satisfies you”*

(St. John Paul II;  
15<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day,  
8/19/2000)



# What is a Vocation?

“man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.”

(St. John Paul II)



“Will always imply the free and total response to love, total giving and surrender of self for the cause of the beloved and to find the full realization of self in this free and total donation of self.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM)

*“Loving Jesus in the Eucharist with Mary: the Foundation of Religious Life” 6/22/2011)*



# Fundamental Questions

“Lord, what is Your *perfect plan of love* for my life?”

“What did you *create* me for?”

“What are the *deepest desires* of my heart?”



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## An invitation to be Brides of Christ

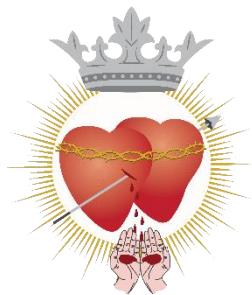


“The religious vocation is, in essence, *a call of love and for love*. We must find its beginnings in a mysterious dialogue that took place between the Heart of God and the heart of the human person. The ‘follow me’ which Christ spoke to your hearts has caused a marvelous interior revolution that moved you to ‘leave everything in order to go after Him’(cf. Mk 10:21).”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM; *“A love Capable of Faithfulness”*)







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# Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Mother Adela Galindo, SCTJM  
Foundress





*“All for the Heart of Jesus, through the Heart of Mary!”*







“Prayer is the soul of our religious life. Prayer is our communion with the Bridegroom. Prayer is our intimate moment, heart to Heart, with Jesus.” (Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM 12/24/2009)



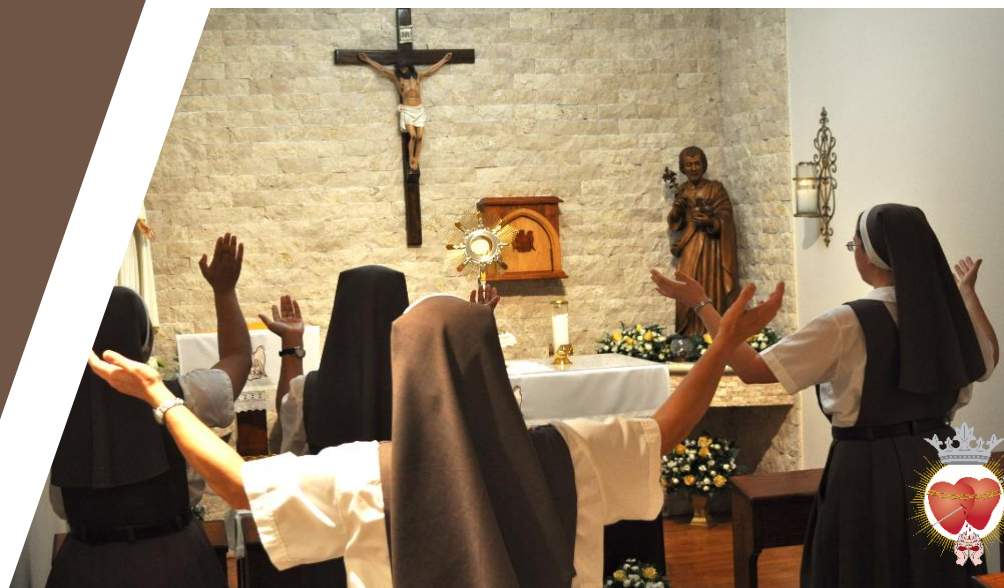
# Women of the Eucharist in our whole life

“Yes, we religious sisters are to be recognized by our love for our Eucharistic Jesus, our Bridegroom. *How beautiful [it] would be if what is said of Our Lady was said of us: Women of the Eucharist in their whole lives!* Women of intrepid, self-giving, oblation and fruitful love! All that is Marian is all who we are.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM)

“Just as in the womb of the Church as bride- through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ is engendered in the Eucharist, *we from our hearts as brides, should open ourselves up to a life-giving spiritual maternity to engender Christ in souls.*”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM)







You are saying to Jesus,  
**Vow of Chastity** “You are my first, and You are my  
all.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM 12/27/2015)




# Vow of Obedience

“Jesus,  
Your will is  
all I want to do,”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM  
12/27/2015)







“Jesus,  
You are all I have,  
all I want.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM  
12/27/2015)

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**Vow of Poverty**







## Vow of Total Marian Availability

*“To be a living image and presence of Mary”*

“I will give You my all to serve You, to go wherever You need me to go, and to do whatever You need me to do, even to go across the mountains to proclaim the power of the Gospel of love.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM)

12/27/2015)





*“To be the living image and presence of Our Lady”*



“I am convinced that it is because the Holy Spirit gave life to our Religious Institute with this beautiful and powerful Marian charism, that Jesus asked us to allow ourselves to be pierced as for others to have life. It was the same calling He did to our Lady at the foot of the Cross, when her Heart was mystically pierced to embrace her maternal mission.”

(Mother Adela Galindo, Foundress SCTJM)

## Our Lady's All Embracing Maternity



*the calling of Jesus:  
“let me pierce your  
heart for others to  
have life!”*





"Our Lady understood Herself to be a servant, ready to be a gift, freely and totally given, ready to place Her life at the service of God's plan...ready to go in haste to wherever the Lord needed Her to bring Jesus."

(Mother Adela, SCTJM  
Foundress 12/29/2011)





# Missionary Spirit

**"The servants are always in service, with nothing extraordinary exteriorly happening but rather, by the simplicity of hard and dedicated work, and by the simplicity of our love and prayer, work and service, we know we are building our history and we are changing human history....we are being Her presence and Her image, moving the physical world, changing hearts, cooperating in the realization of God's designs for such a critical time in history, simply by loving and serving in the totality of our religious life."**

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM  
10/01/2011)







“The world needs love. Not only love—it needs God’s love. That is the only love that is worthy of the human person. This love must be learned; it must be lived in a family. **What the world needs is the witness that love is possible**—and it’s possible if we learn the authentic definition of love, and if we are open to receive the power of grace, which is God’s love acting in our hearts.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM 12/27/2105)



# A Sign, A Witness

“men and women who chose Christ by radically following the Gospel and by serving their brothers and sisters... such service is itself a sign of how the consecrated life manifests the *organic unity of the commandment of love*, in the inseparable link between love of God and love of neighbor.”

(St. John Paul II, *Vita Consecrata*)





# Ascetical Life



“The Marianization of our own lives can only be realized through a constant interchange of hearts thus all that in us is not yet Marian, may be transformed through prayer, mortification, honest self-knowledge and serious work on ourselves... all with our eyes fixed on Her Heart, Person and Mission. Our conversion is needed for her to be able to place Her Heart in ours.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM; “From The Interchange Of Hearts A Marian Charism Is Born” 7/11/2015)



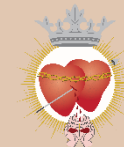


# Permanent Formation

“The Church teaches us that religious are formed until the day they die. Permanent formation means from the beginning of experiencing the call to the end of life, when we enter into the fullness of our consecration in heaven. Permanent Formation in religious life is an intrinsic aspect of our vocation, a fundamental dimension in religious life, and it should cover all the dimensions of our lives:

*spiritual, human, fraternal and apostolic realities...* All the areas or dimensions of the human person are to be formed to truly allow ourselves to become fully who we are.”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM;  
“Be Who You Are!”, 06/15/2015)





# Fraternal Life

“In our particular case we must be able to say that the *Blessed Mother lives in us*, that we have become living images and presence of the Blessed Mother, so we can live her *full identity*, the full feminine identity—daughters, sisters, spouses and mothers. We speak lots about being spouses and mothers, but we cannot forget that spouses and mothers are first daughters and sisters and that is why for us, community life/fraternal life is so crucial because *it is in fraternal life that we live the feminine dimension of sisterhood.*”

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM,  
“At The End My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph”  
5/13/2008 )





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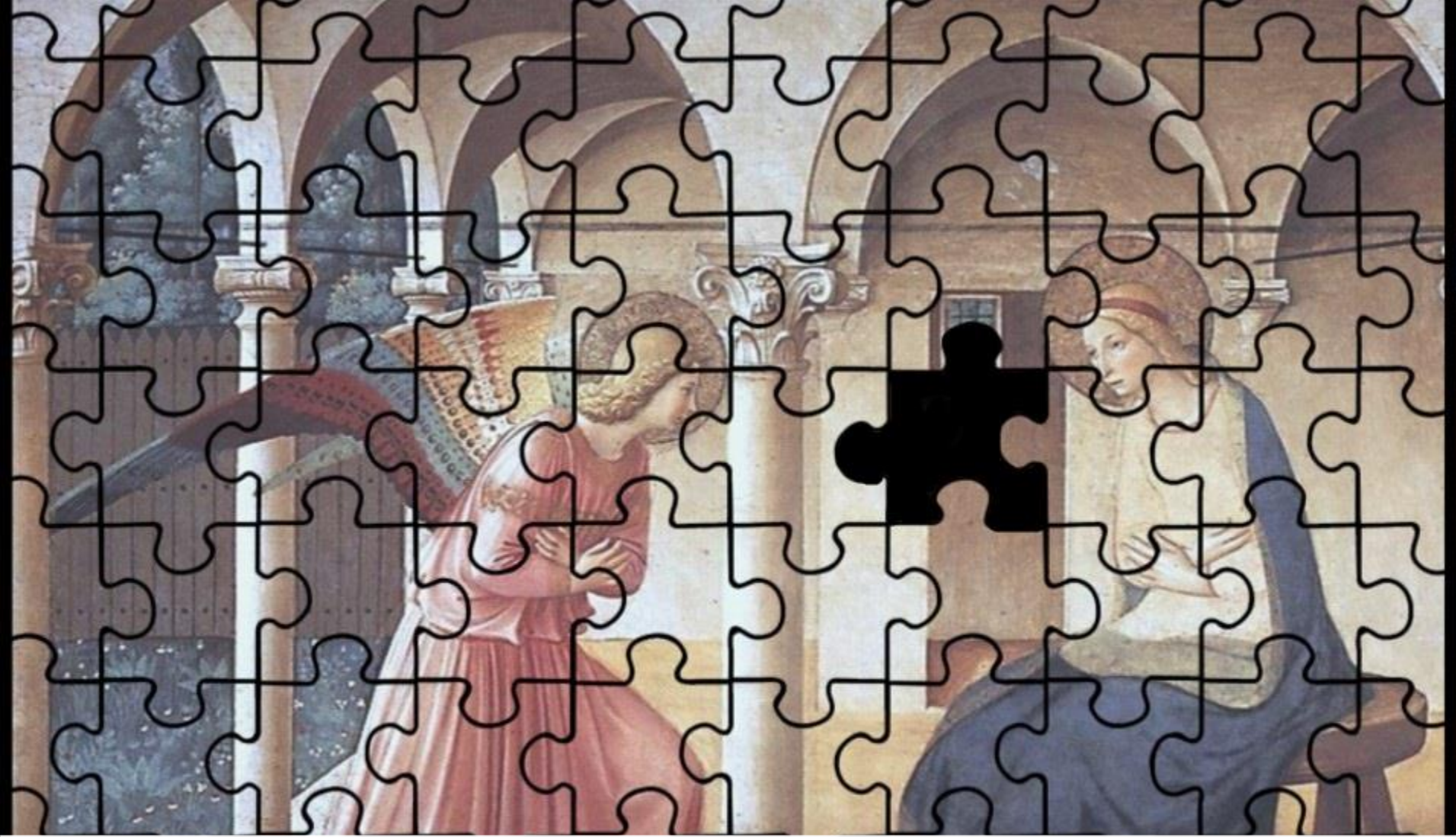
“Fraternal life speaks of consecrated love, unconditional service, responsible choices and concrete choices to edify one another in holiness of religious life and in zeal for our apostolic mission, all according to our charism.

It is not only an expression of true love, but it is also an expression of true freedom, the freedom of a self-referential attitude and of self-seeking interest.. “there is no greater love than to give your life for your friends” (John 15,13)

(Mother Adela, Foundress SCTJM 5/31/2015)







*History is never the same when a heart like Our Lady's says YES to God!*

