

## **We live the mission as disciples of Jesus in a changing world**

We are disciples of Jesus called to follow him and to collaborate with him in the mission of building the Reign of God according to the Charism. Bonifacia and Butinyà heard the call in time and responded with enthusiasm and radicalness. In the same way, we are called today to follow and live the mission in the new context wherein we find ourselves, immersed in a world which is in constant change and evolution, and to which we want to give and answer, like them, with passion and audacity.

## **Journeying towards a global, ecological and solidary conscience**

Aside from being a changing world, it is a global world, in interconnection. What happens in one part of the world has its repercussion in others. Global problems affect our local surroundings. Thus, we cannot live at the periphery of what is happening to the rest of the world. We need to cultivate a global conscience which would help us understand the world as an interconnected reality, in which not only what occurs matter but how it affects and what implications it has in the life of human beings and of nature. This globality of conscience helps us become more aware of the repercussions of our actions and leads us to a social responsibility, to an ethical conscience, makes us more attentive to our way of living, of thinking and of acting and invites us to start once again to live in another manner and with the commitment to work for a better world, which in essence, is to collaborate with other persons and entities so that the new life, new heaven and a new earth which the Risen Lord has promised, may come to reality.

Our way of living does not only affect the persons but also the environment. What affects the cosmos affects the person because we are part of the web of life. Therefore, we need to cultivate an ecological conscience which would help us recognize in the universe the interconnectivity of life and the need to care for the earth as our common home. As Ilia Delio says in his book *The Emerging Christ* (2011), this means we have to be aware that we cannot consume excessive amount of vital resources, because we share this planet with other created beings. To have ecological conscience is to assume that we are dependent on nature and responsible for its conservation. Ignore this is equal to self- destruction, because when we degrade the environment we worsen our quality of life and we put the future of the following generations in danger.

The situation of the world, which is getting more complicated, every time, requires global and multidisciplinary responses. Aware of the problems to which nature and humanity suffer from, we cannot remain indifferent before so much pain and suffering, we have to get ourselves involved in the multiple initiatives which exist around us and in the society in general. This reality of the world urges us to a global solidarity which requires a solidary conscience from us.

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