



## *The Promise of Abundance in the Passion of Christ*

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*Passionist Sisters'  
Communities of Dodge*

*Image above:* Sr. Enedina Lulo, Sr. Socorro Ruiz, Sr. Yolanda Maria Figueroa, Sr. Virginia Macedo and Sr. Gregoria Bueno

## ***City, Kansas, and Lincoln, Nebraska, Vision***

The community of Dodge City Kansas met first to reflect on the questions in the same way as the community of Lincoln, NE. In a second meeting, the two communities met to share with great joy, surfacing several contributions for the future. Sisters María Virginia Macedo, Yolanda María Figueroa, María Enedina Lulo, María Antonia Cruz, Gregoria Bueno and Ma. Del Socorro Ruiz participated in this process.

### ***What are the needs we are currently serving?***

The community of Passionist sisters in the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, KS, and the Parish of Christ the King Lincoln, NE, we accompany and encourage from their faith, the Hispanic migrant people, in its different formation programs such as RCIA, baptismal preparation, Quinceañeras, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, Cursillistas, young adolescents, popular religiosity, visits and moral and spiritual accompaniment of families who have lost their loved ones and visits to the county jail, visits to the sick, adult education and premarital training. We need to create a comprehensive program that touches the lives of the people that lead them to a transformation in their lives according to the life of Jesus of Nazareth Crucified Risen.

### ***What has been the impact we are having with our lives in relation to the mission and needs where we see ourselves today?***

- The challenges that reveal our capacities in the needs in the

*discuss questions to deepen their visioning conversation.*

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- We want to implement a healing process in the prison ministry from the word of God, which covers the human and spiritual part.
- The pastoral plan is currently being carried out in the two parishes.
- The migrant community is growing, and the challenges are becoming more diverse to evangelize our people.

### ***What new results do we hope to achieve in the next five to ten years?***

- We hope that God will inspire vocations for the Passionist life and that they can continue the Mission of the Kingdom with the migrant and crucified brothers and sisters here in the USA.
- We believe in the strength of the spirit and the commitment of the laity that will give good results in the mission and evangelization.
- That our parishes be missionaries with a Passionist feel.
- That the Congregation grows in mission and vocations.
- Review our current mission presence and be open to another missionary place within the United States.
- As a Passionist Family, keep looking for the most excluded places of our migrant brothers and accompany them in all the challenges needed, as a Church we should have as a preferential option our crucified

peripheries, we lack more wisdom of the Cross.

- Our total dedication to the Lord for his Kingdom and our experience in our Passionist charism.
- Contemplate the need to feel loved by God as children.
- Regain the dignity of children of God and have faith formation.
- In the accompaniment of each of the migrants, I discover the suffering face of the Crucified One.
- Walking with the migrant helps me to be merciful and compassionate.
- Impotence in the face of the realities of an unjust and insensitive system.
- Fidelity to our vocation.
- Urgency to announce Jesus Crucified, as a remedy for the evils that afflict our world, so that they may live this pain with hope with our testimony.
- We have not been impacted as we would like with our lives in the Jesus of Nazareth style, because we depend on the organization (parochial, cultural and systematic).
- We, as Passionist Sisters, need to announce the Gospel with our lives.

*What have been the gifts and strengths that have allowed us to serve or that we have developed?*

We have found strength in the contemplation of the Passion of the Crucified Christ through personal prayer, community and parish communities. We believe that the mission is a gift to reach the migrant brothers and sisters with a

people of today and of the future.

- We need to create networks to join with non-governmental organizations that fight for the defense of human rights in favor of life.

### *Summary*

We are facing a world of dizzying changes where the challenges of today question us and demand an answer, in the new ways of evangelizing in front of a system that generates injustice, death, individualism, lack of love, discrimination and lack of solidarity that lead the human being to a loss of its true essence, condemning it to the emptiness of itself, and turning it outwards, without cultivating its inner life where God manifests and reveals himself in the deepest part of his being.

Today, more than ever, it is urgent to announce Jesus Christ as good news before the new generations that are skeptical of all religious manifestations, it is necessary to show them the God of Jesus who offers them freedom, tenderness and love to live with hope.

In view of this system of death, it is necessary, as St. Paul of the Cross said, to announce the Passion of Jesus as an effective remedy for the evils that afflict the world today, "the passion of Jesus is the immense sea of God's love". To be agents and signs of the transformation of society by building a more human and fraternal world according to God's desire.

It would be worth reflecting on the bishops document of *Aparecida*, "Help the people of Latin America to be disciples and missionaries of Jesus Christ, so that in Him they may have Life"

vulnerable face.

- Be a migrant with migrants.
- The gift of my vocation has been my response to the mission.
- The fraternity of community life.
- The talents that each sister has and that she puts at the service of the mission.
- Committed lay people who have been integrated into the pastoral mission.
- The gift of the Passionist Charism, and the strength that I find in permanent theological, pastoral and biblical formation.
- We enjoy the freedom to share our Passionist Charism with the people we accompany.

*Where do we see the borders of growth (perhaps new and innovative) of our pastoral service?*

- The participation of a sister in a multimedia team in the programming of themes to evangelize.
  - Organize mission in the peripheries.
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So that from the encounter with Jesus Christ they will be able to discover the deepest meaning of searching as an answer to the desire for fulfillment and happiness.

### ***Vision Statement***

May the Passionist charism continue to be embodied in our migrant people, and in the future, we will be able to work together with Passionist sisters and brothers in the same mission of building the Kingdom. Since we feel as family when we participate in some meetings and events with you.