

"We come from different regions, countries, cultures, languages and mentalities"



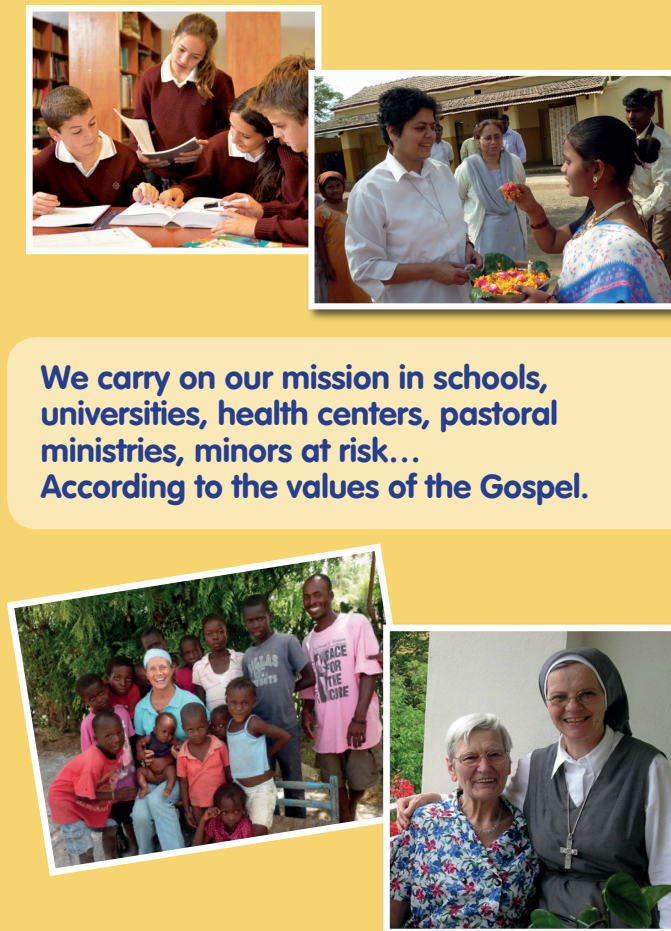
"We are sent for mission in the Church"
(AC 91)



"We desire to make the goodness of God known through the work of education in all its forms..."
(Cfr. AC 92.94)

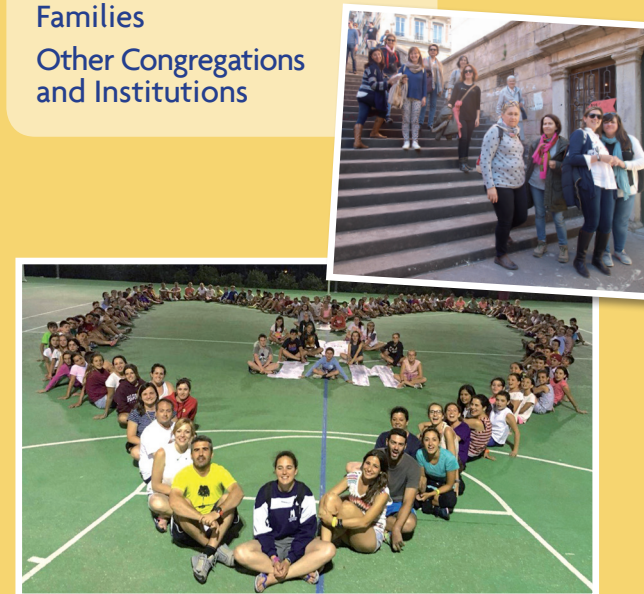


We carry on our mission in schools, universities, health centers, pastoral ministries, minors at risk... According to the values of the Gospel.



We share our Charism and the mission with others:

Staff
AFJM
Alumnai
Families
Other Congregations
and Institutions



We wish to respond to God's call in the different places and contexts to which He sends us.



"The history of salvation is a history of yes...a history of 'here I am'. Christian life is this: a continuous 'here I am' to do the will of the Lord."

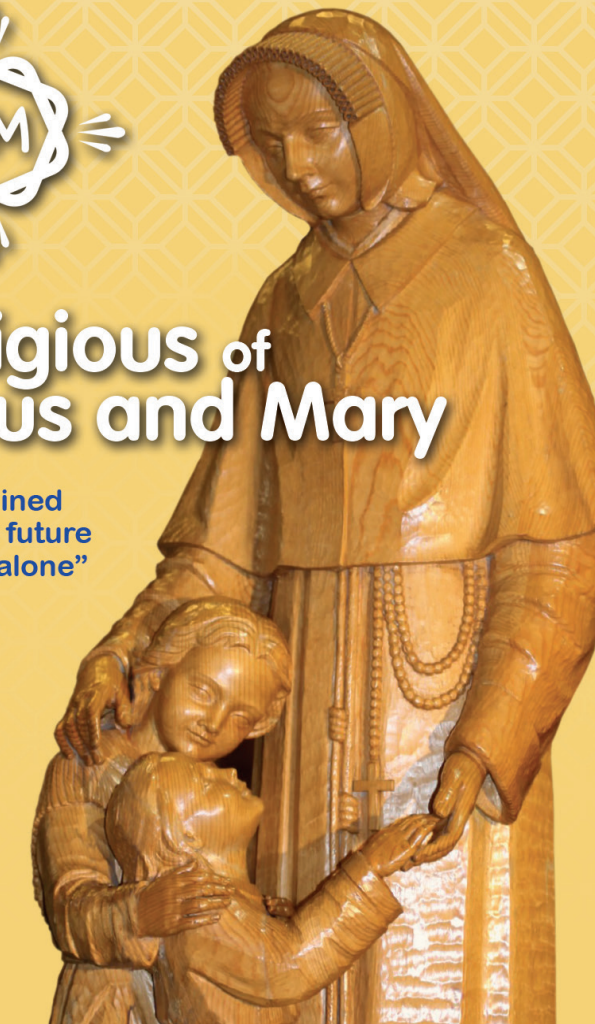
Homily of Pope Francis in Santa Marta, 24 January, 2017.

We are companions in mission and we live our response to God in community.



Religious of Jesus and Mary

"Determined to live in future for God alone"





**Religious of Jesus and Mary:
women with the desire to know, love and
follow Jesus and share his sentiments.**



**We follow the footsteps of Saint
Claudine Thévenet.**



Claudine Thévenet was born in Lyon (France) on March 30, 1774. We situate ourselves in France of the end of the XVIII century, a time of great conflicts, which marked an era of change. Still very young Claudine was present at the execution of her brothers and she heard from their lips: "Forgive as we forgive". This profound experience of pardon marked and re-orientated her life; she not only forgave, but she decided to dedicate her life to the cause of forgiveness and mercy. Her sorrow did not close her up in herself. The

contemplation of the Crucified Lord opened her to the suffering of others. Contact with the reality of misery, suffering and lack of faith in her surroundings gradually transformed her.

On October 6, 1818, Claudine left her home and her ageing mother and resided in a rented house with only a silk weaver, an old loom and an orphan. This was the origin of the Congregation of the Religious of Jesus and Mary. She desired to accept poor girls, give them a formation and a profession, which allowed them to earn their living, and hence she taught them silk-weaving, one of the common professions in the Lyon of her time.

She died on February 3, 1837.

**The sole fabric woven by Claudine
continues today in diverse and
varied ways:**

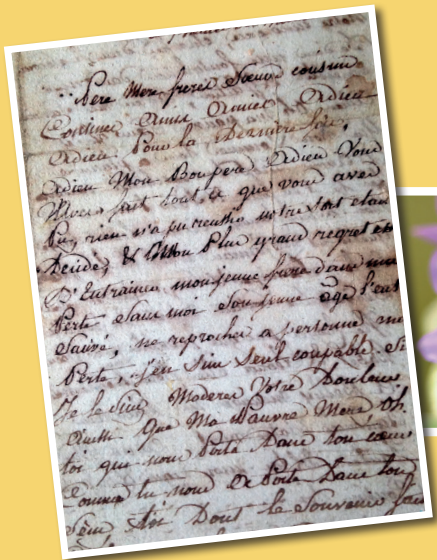
Claudine, you are the fundamental, first thread woven into the fabric of the Jesus and Mary design which now spans all continents; the one who risked the weaving, chose the colours, set up the loom, suffered the uneven shuttling when the design showed little clarity. Only faith in the Good God and the possibilities open to you gave you the courage to continue. Today, we are gently bound by those silken, multi-coloured threads – threads of future hopes and potential.



**We participate in the Charism of
Saint Claudine.**

It is this same grace that forms us and makes us capable of witnessing to Goodness and Pardon with our life.

"Forgive, Gladly, as we forgive"
Words whispered to Claudine by her brothers
before their execution.



God who guides history invites us today:

- To live pardon, reconciliation and healing.
- To allow ourselves to be moved, like Claudine, by the miseries of our time.
- To commit ourselves to justice, peace and integrity of creation.

**As the concrete expression
of our Charism.**



**Journeying with Claudine
1818-2018**

October 6, 1818 - 2018 Bicentenary of the Foundation



200 years ago

Claudine entered upon a "foolish and presumptuous undertaking which offered no guarantee of success".

She entered into what seemed impossible, trusting in a merciful God who is behind every step.

**A woman, a loom, an orphan,
were the origins of the Congregation
of Jesus and Mary.**

Since 1818 We desire to respond to the challenges
of each moment like Claudine.



**"Leave her alone;
she will be a pretty girl
at eighteen years of age,
you will see!"**

St. Claudine Thévenet

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