

## Our Mission

is to proclaim the Good News as School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent. As he was sent to show the Father's love to the world, we are sent to make Christ visible by our very being, by sharing our love, faith and hope.

*You Are Sent,*  
Constitution of the  
School Sisters of Notre Dame



## Vocation Prayer

*O, Holy Spirit*

Enlighten me,  
Strengthen me,  
So that I shall understand  
And know my divine call,  
Who I am,  
What I should be,  
And what I must do,  
As well as the means  
By which these ends  
May be accomplished.

*Amen.*

Based on a prayer of  
Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, Foundress  
School Sisters of Notre Dame, 1833



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**God's cause**  
is the *only* concern of  
**our hearts**  
Blessed  
Theresa  
of Jesus  
Gerhardinger

**How is GOD calling YOU?**





## We are SSND.

In 1833, Blessed Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger founded the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) in Bavaria, in response to the urgent needs of her day. As an educator, she helped women and children reach the fullness of their potential, a founding principle still as relevant in today's society as it was when the congregation began.

Today we are an international congregation within the Catholic Church, with more than 2,000 vowed members serving God's people in 30 countries throughout Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia and Africa. Wherever we are in the world, we are united through our prayer, community and ministry.



## We are educators in all we are and do.

Impelled by the Triune God into the heart of the world to be women of peace, hope and love, SSND educate with a global vision, believing the world can be changed through the transformation of persons. We seek to empower others to reach the fullness of their potential, with special sensitivity to women, youth and people who are poor or marginalized. Integral to our gospel commitment is our work for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

## What about you?

When you envision your future, does it include a compelling desire to make a difference in the world? Do you wish to deepen your spiritual life and strengthen your commitment to Jesus? Do you feel passionate about addressing the urgent needs of our world? Do you want to live in community with others who share the same mission?

Our living together in faith is rooted in prayer, which brings our whole life into focus. Our community life is a prophetic witness of unity in diversity, of service to God's people, of deepening communion with God and among people wherever we are. If you are experiencing within you a stirring of God's Spirit to take a closer look at religious life or the School Sisters of Notre Dame, contact us at [sisters@ssnd.org](mailto:sisters@ssnd.org) or [hermanas@ssnd.org](mailto:hermanas@ssnd.org).



“The gift of our internationality sharpens our consciousness of universal needs and calls us to foster within ourselves and others a responsible concern for the people of the world.”

- *You Are Sent* (SSND Constitution)

