OPENING PRAYER

Praise be to you, gracious God, for this day, this Earth, this life, for the weave of miracles blessing us and for your quiet power sustaining us.

Praise be to you, awesome God, for the Holy mysteries of our struggling and wondering, and all that moves us to awe, to love, to pray, to serve, since it is your spirit that moves us so and is creating us still.

SONG: STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS

LET US REJOICE IN OUR HERITAGE:

For Jesus Christ, who, sent by the Father, sends us in the power of the Spirit, to proclaim the gospel with our lives…

RESPONSE: Let us rejoice.

For the world, which by its very nature continues the presence and mission of Christ ...

For the world, which is the concrete situation in which we carry out Christ’s mission ...

For our Charism, which gives focus to our life and mission ...

For Blessed Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger who longed for the oneness of all in God ...

For being grounded in Eucharist …

For being anchored in poverty…

For being dedicated to Mary…
For struggling for unity in our international community…

For responding to the needs of women…
For educating with a world Vision…
For St. Augustine who formed a community to be one heart and one soul in God…
For Blessed Alix, Le Clerc and St. Peter Fourier who insisted that ministry be integral to community…
For Mother Caroline Friess who courageously adapted the congregation to life on another continent …

For perpectively reading the signs of times...
For risking innovative response to the needs of the new world…
For our charism to continue to develop in the living community …
For being enriched by the present…
For being challenged by the future…

**PSALM 147**

**ANT:** Praise and exalt God above all forever.

Praise the Beloved, Heart of all hearths! We are blessed as we sing praises to the Beloved, For as we give ourselves to love, so receive Love. The Beloved abides in our heart, In every open heart that welcomes Love.

Through Love we are sent to the Brokenhearted, a mutual balm to the soul. We seek out the downtrodden, those without shelter or food, recognizing our own poverty with them. Those in Prison also await willing hearts to visit them that forgiveness might free all from bondage.

Sing to the Beloved with thanksgiving; mingle with the melodies of the spheres! Awaken to your inheritance in the entire universe! For you belong to Heaven, to the stars and galaxies. You come also from the earth, from mineral and plant, pure water courses through your being. Every creature – those that swim and fly and walk on land, knows you as of old.

And each human in body or spirit, welcomes you in the heart song of Love, where we know we are all One Being. Praise the Beloved, Life of all Life! Invite Love into hour! For Divine gives strength to the weak, with courage to face their fears.

Divine Love brings peace to the hearth, peace that is beyond our Knowledge. Divine Love cuts through the ignorance that fosters greed and arrogance, humbling and breaking open the heart.

Divine Love serves the veil that separates realms of the profane and sacred, Holiness radiates through all touch by Divine Love, a refining Fire! Wisdom flows from the Heart of Divine Love to receptive hearts nurtured in the silence. Yes the Divine word is written on every heart-scroll, a guide to pilgrims on the way.

May everyone awaken to Divine Love, that peace and integrity and assurance may be born again in every land. O my soul praise the beloved!

**RENEWAL OF VOWS: YAS GD #30**

**MAGNIFICAT:** Any one of your choice

**ANT.** Let us Love one another, for love is God.

**BLESSED THERESA OF JESUS** – Litany/ petitions

Blessed Theresa of Jesus- Pray for us.
Blessed Woman of Vision;

Pray that we may learn to hope against hope.
Blessed Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame;

Help us to risk innovative responses to the needs of our times.
Blessed Resource Pioneer Woman:

Help us to discover unsuspected ways of sharing what we have, especially with the poor and marginalized as we search for new channels of service in the universal church.

Blessed Woman of decision:

Help us to be attentive to God’s will, ready to discern our direction through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

Blessed Woman of Patience and Perseverance:

Help us to take time to choose ways of living and ministering that call to growth so that our roots will be sturdier and our flowering lovelier.

Blessed Woman Of Fidelity:

Help us to fulfill our mutual responsibility of being sister to one another.

Blessed Woman of Unity:

Remind us daily how Eucharist call us to deeper communion with God and among people wherever we are, in every place, in every time in every situation.

CLOSING PRAYER: Loving God we thank you for your unconditional Love and for many blessings you have granted us throughout these past years and today as we celebrate 188 years. We ask you to bless and protect every sister in her ministry even during this time when we go through the challenges of pandemic. May you grant each of us strength, courage and graces we need as we reach out to we minister to every day. May our Mother Mary intercede for us that we may always remain faithful to her son Jesus as we continue his mission wherever we are. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Mother Mary – pray for us.

Mother Theresa – pray for us

Mother Caroline- pray for us

Blessed Antonina – pray for us.

All our SSND Ancestors- Pray for us.

HAPPY FOUNDATION DAY

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