

MINISTRIES



To all forms of our ministry we bring concern for the totality of human life. Even though our particular service may focus on various aspects of human life, our deepest desire in everything is to promote the fundamental dignity of persons, thus demonstrating our incarnational charism. Some of our ministries are ...

YOUTH MINISTRY

We provide retreats, prayer gatherings and rallies to young adults seeking a greater understanding of God, as well as assistance to young women considering religious life.

AIDS CARE

At our clinic in Kenya, we offer direct services for those who are HIV positive, while in the USA and Guatemala we provide health education regarding AIDS.

CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

At centers in Guatemala, we offer a haven for those who have been discarded by society. We also offer tender loving care to the elderly at our co-sponsored health care systems in the USA and at our center in Ireland.

EDUCATION

From helping small children to learn the alphabet to assisting adults to improve their life skills, we are actively involved in education.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER

We are in ministry at spirituality centers where people are offered opportunities of solitude, prayer, spiritual growth, and a deeper relationship with God.

HEALTH CARE

Our health care ministry ranges from sponsorship of large sophisticated health systems to small dispensaries in rural villages. We co-sponsor Catholic Healthcare West and CHRISTUS Health, two of the largest Catholic health care systems in the United States.

CARE OF CHILDREN

We give children a home and family in El Salvador and Kenya. Some of these children are orphaned because of AIDS and others come from broken homes.

SYSTEMIC CHANGE

We seek to improve the condition of human life through ministries such as corporate responsibility, legislative advocacy and social justice.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know if I am called to religious life?

First, pray! Give God some quality time. We also invite you to contact a member of our Vocation Team. Let us help you listen to God. It may be that God is calling you to religious life or down another path. Let us help you through the steps of listening to God.



How do I know if your Congregation is right for me?

We offer a time of inquiry that is flexible and tailored to the needs of each individual. It is a time to come and meet the Sisters, spend time with the community in prayer, celebrations and other occasions. There is also time to meet with members of the Vocation Team for discernment and questions. You will be helped to grow in your relationship with God, yourself and others and to become more familiar with the spirit and charism of our particular Congregation.

Would being a Sister limit my career opportunities?

Not at all. And, our life is much more than a career. Our professional gifts are focused in service of God and of others. We use our gifts as physicians, teachers, missionaries, spiritual directors, social workers, psychologists, advocates for social justice, counselors, musicians, writers and many others to fulfill our vocation and our call.

Do Sisters give up having fun?

Absolutely not! We are human beings with all the usual human concerns, cares and activities that every individual has---including relaxation and fun. We have hobbies, enjoy getting together with friends, like to travel and love to laugh. We are people who have chosen to serve God with joy.

Would I have to wear a habit?

Since Vatican II, we have the option of wearing a modified habit with a veil or contemporary clothing. Some of our Sisters prefer to wear the veil and others do not. The choice is yours.

How can I find out more about your Congregation without having to talk to anyone?

Visit our website at www.sistersofcharity.org to learn more about us.

When I am ready to talk to someone about my desire to serve God, what do I do?

Contact a member of our Congregation's Vocation Team at our Motherhouse, Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale Street, Houston, TX 77023:

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Is God Calling you?

*We have faith your spiritual journey
will lead you to our door.*

*We, the Sisters of Charity of the
Incarnate Word, Houston, are an
international and multicultural
Congregation of women religious
serving Jesus Christ who is
suffering in a multitude of persons.*

*We currently serve those in
need in El Salvador, Guatemala,
Ireland, Kenya and the
United States of America.*

*We are consecrated to God
as clear signs of the presence and
power of this intimate and
sacrificial love at work in the world.*



OUR LEGACY

We, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, were founded in Galveston, Texas in 1866 by Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis, second bishop of the Diocese of Galveston which then included the entire state of Texas. The call made by Bishop Dubuis in his native France brought three Sisters: Mother Blandine, Sister Ange and Sister Joseph. Today the mission and ministries of our Congregation are an ongoing response to the plea of Bishop Dubuis:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, suffering in the persons
of a multitude of sick and infirm
of every kind, seeks relief at your hands.*

Women continue to respond to the call of Bishop Dubuis as it is as relevant today as it was many years ago. Jesus Christ, suffering in a multitude of persons, seeks relief at your hands.

Will you answer the call?



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