*Charism **Statement***

Called to be valiant, joyful women of faith, we the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood are sent to witness to the life-giving Blood of Christ flowing through us, and in total surrender to the Spirit make ourselves available to the ever-changing needs of our neighbor

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Mission Statement Of the North American Province

We the Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood, an international congregation of Catholic women religious, Are called by God to live the Paschal Mystery and to proclaim the Good News of Christ's love to all people. especially to those who do not know Christ. We glorify God by our service and our witness to the saving mission of Christ so that all may have the fullness of life.

CPS ASSOCIATE PROGAM

North American Province

PURPOSE

The C.P.S. Associates seek to share in the charism and mission of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. This congregation was founded by the Trappist Abbot Francis Pfanner and given the Latin name *Congregatio Pretiosi Sanguinis,* hence the initials
C.P.S. Like the sisters, the associates desire to follow in the footsteps of the Founder, who wanted laypersons involved in the missionary work of the Church.

The Associate Program provides an opportunity to deepen one's spiritual life through communal prayer, faith sharing, growth experiences, faith development and possibly shared ministry.
A bond forms between the associates and sisters through the mutual sharing our charism and mission statements, which leads us all to a common Precious Blood Spirituality

"Prayer was our only support and refuge within all these difficulties. Time and again I found new courage and new strength in prayer"

Mother Paula Emunds, C.P.S.

We welcome to our Associate Program any Catholic adult (18yrs.+) who has a viable faith commitment, a desire to live the Paschal Mystery- the living, dying and rising a desire of Jesus in one' own faith journey, a desire to associate with the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood and the willingness and ability to participate in our formation process.

FORMATION PROCESS

This formative process entails at least one year of monthly gatherings before an initial commitment of one year. This commitment may be renewed annually.

1. **Inquiry Stage**:
   a. an initial meeting to answer questions. voice mutual expectations and explain formation process
   b. an individual interview with one of the sisters

2. **Rite of Acceptance**:
A prayer service to celebrate the beginning of the associate's journey.

3. Period of Candidacy:
time to learn and experience the charism of the missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood through its history spirituality mission and prayer.

4. **A Period of Enlightenment**:
A time for prayer experiences to deepen and internalize Paschal Mystery

5. **Rite of Bonding**:
A liturgical celebration of the mutual bonding of the associate with the community.

6. Period of Commitment
An on-going journey of faith which brings together the C.P.S. charism and the primary life commitment of the associate:
to witness to the redeeming love of Christ within one's family, parish community and professional life.
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When the heart is calm, it is easy to pray. As the smooth surface of the Led enables one to look down to the bottom and count every little stone: Iikewise, the one who remains still is able to look into the depths of his own heart and see God Himself so clearly that it will be easy to converse with Him

Abbol Francis Pfanner