

Statement of the General Congregatio 2021-2022

Co-Creating our Future

As a General Congregation we have understood that God is calling us to:

- Listen to Jesus His Son.
- Be rooted in our charism
- Listen and attend to the cry of the poor and the earth
- Experience His all-embracing love in vulnerability
- Journey towards Becoming One.
- Be inclusive and synodal in our life and ministry

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Becoming One

The principle: We will never do alone what we can do together.

- Let us make our journey of *Becoming One* joyful and transformative
- Continue what is already being done at various levels
- Form commissions: spiritual and canonical (revision of the modern documents and CNs)
- Encourage use of social media to share wisdom and resources
- Share inter-congregational mission

Synodality in Leadership and Community life

We live synodality rooted in the Ignatian tradition of personal and communal Discernment

- being participative at all levels and inclusive of diversity
- developing flexible community structures for mission in the style of the open circle of Mary Ward's companions
- training and empowering all members to manage the tension between our practice of obedience and co-responsibility
- embracing our personal gifts and vulnerability, regularly sharing and evaluating our lived experience.

Apostolic Intentions

1. Listening to the cry of the earth and the poor, we hear God's invitation to respond through our lives and transformative mission, updating our ministries according to the needs of the time, place and people.
2. While initiatives for mission can come from the Generalate and from the grass root level, each province is invited to discern and take concrete steps in this direction.
3. Wherever possible we are invited to live our mission in inter congregational and inter institutional context and share our charism with the wider Mary Ward family.
4. We recognize the apostolic nature of leadership and community support ministries.
5. We are aware of the need to strengthen the spirit of universal mission at all levels of formation, including the ongoing formation

Safeguarding

Each person is created in the image and likeness of God and has the same innate dignity.

We commit to protecting and promoting this dignity by:

- continuing to ensure the implementation of our safeguarding system by the Leadership at every level
- regularly improving our safeguarding system at all levels according to local laws and context
- formation of the whole membership including formees and associates
- periodically reviewing and updating, with frequent follow-up.