

SECULAR INSTITUTE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

WHO WE ARE

We are lay people committed to live in the world, men among other men, who fraternally share hopes, pains, and achievements trying at the same time to put there the yeast of the Gospel. We want to commit all our life as lay people to serve our brothers in the world thinking of the Kingdom of God. In this extraordinary moment of human history we are living in, the Holy Spirit has aroused in the Church a new way of realizing in the world a strong testimony of men, Christians, who, without leaving the temporal commitments, try to live them with a greater consciousness, on the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience in the spirit of the Beatitudes. We accept to the very end, as lay people, the secular condition of everyman in order to renew it from the inside, silently, like the yeast in the dough. We therefore testify our faith in communion with all the other men, sharing with them the same tasks and worries in an ordinary lay life. Even though consecrated completely to God, we also live deeply in the world; for this kind of vocation there is not a visible concrete community.



OUR COMMITMENT

We commit ourselves to living in the world the evangelical counsels of poverty, obedience, celibacy in chastity according to the Franciscan spirituality to testify the Risen Christ.

CHASTITY and the solitude that comes with it, before being a renounce is:

1. A positive and conscious choice that leads to a greater possibility to put all our life to the service of mankind
2. As a continuous act of faith and love that gives new life to the apostolic and missionary life

Chastity then as a transparent ability to love that becomes friendly closeness, availability to listen, guarantee of trust, gratuitous presence.

POVERTY is lived more than in its material dimension:

1. As an ability to use the goods of the earth correctly, for a competent and qualified service to the human and ecclesial community
2. as a way to share
3. as a way to detach from the self that doesn't use the others but truly serves them

OBEDIENCE is seen:

1. as being faithful to one's vocation
2. as a continuous search and availability to God's will
3. as compliance to life's demands
4. as a careful listening to the Word of God and an always more adequate incarnation in history
5. as a way to open up new ways to the presence of Christ and his Kingdom in the world.

All this must be supported by a strong sense of responsibility, freedom and creativity that are typical of this kind of consecrated life. This kind of life, with the Kingdom as goal and the availability to loose one's life, demands a strong faith and a daily prayer, always ready to renovate and deepen and with a real passion for the world, mankind and its life. The choice of a secular reality, must give a human dimension to all the choices of the consecrated. This new form of vocation has found in the Secular Institution recognized by the Church its way or realization.

OUR LIFE STYLE

Because we chose a secular form of consecrated life that keeps us in the world, men among other men, we keep living in our families and doing our job. We are present in the most widespread situations of life.

THE SOURCE OF OUR LIFE STYLE

Jesus Christ, the Word of God Incarnated, is our teacher and model. In the story of his life, we find the meaning of ours...

HISTORICAL NOTES

The Institute of the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ was founded in 1928 by Fr. Augustine Gemelli of the Franciscan Minor Order. The Church recognized and approved it in 1951 by diocesan right, and in 1997 by pontifical right. The Institute is present in many dioceses in Italy, Europe, North and South America and Africa.