

# *Living witness of God's Gift!*

The Missionary Workers of the Immaculate founded on 11 February 1950 by Fr. Marcel Roussel-Galle constitute *the Society of Apostolic Life Donum Dei*, known as *The Missionary Workers of the Immaculate, diocesan right*.

In response to Jesus' call, as Christian virgins, we give ourselves to Him forever as spouses, offering ourselves like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to the Merciful Love of God. We participate in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, most especially in his encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. (*Jn* 4:1-43).

## **THE MISSION THROUGH ENCOUNTER**

40. Sent by Christ from Jacob's well, we accomplish our mission in the name of the Church, in communion with the local Ordinaries, in observance of our charism and our Constitutions (cf. *can.* 738 § 2).

41. We carry out our mission wherever we are sent and especially in the "*Eau Vive*". These places of evangelization,

of meeting, of intercultural and interreligious dialogue, driven by the same missionary spirit and open to all, want to be the modern-day wells of Jacob.

42. By asking the Samaritan woman to offer Him a drink, Jesus expresses his thirst to meet a soul that is seeking. In response to that thirst, we offer ourselves to the infinite Merciful Love described by Jesus as a source of Living Water. As with the Samaritan woman, we receive this transforming and life-giving God's Gift.

43. In the wake of the woman of Samaria who runs to the people to lead them towards Jesus, we enthusiastically spread the "Living Water" which we have received. Considering ourselves as humble channels, entrusted with the task of drawing from this unique Source, we impart the God's Gift through all our activities. In response to the word of Jesus, "If you only knew about the Gift of God", we are also attentive to those who have distanced themselves from Him, or do not know Him, or do not believe in Him (cf. *EG* n. 21 and n. 120).

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