

BE AS A SAILBOAT

Be as a sailboat,
carefully listening to the song of the wind,
where it comes from, where it goes to,
to survive on the sea and to sail into the harbour.

God's wind is free and blows wherever He wants.
But you can hold your sails up to Him
and devote yourself to His blowing with your whole being.
Be as a sailboat...

Be as a satellite in space,
carefully watching the face of the world.
On its route slowly, piece by piece
and with love compose its portrait.

And after the last picture is taken
in front of the amazed earth dwellers,
release the mosaic of Christ's cosmic face.
Be as a satellite...



Be as a way on which people can walk,
connecting the desert with inhabited countries,
bringing the wanderers to the threshold of hope,
and leading the seeking people to the light of home.

Be the ambassador for those
who are in troubles far away from their home,
robbed of their documents for the Kingdom of God,-
feeding pigs and hungering for their heritage,
thirsting for the Father's love.

Be as a way leading home...

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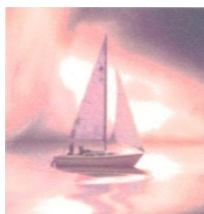
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Being a secular institute for working women our apostolate is primarily an apostolate of women in their professions.

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Life and work of our members is oriented on faith and the spirit of the gospel in service for the transformation of the world.

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- *Vow of Poverty* means a serious obligation to use one's own goods responsibly.
To have as if we have not!
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