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CENTURY OF FOUNDATION

LITTLE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHARITY (DON ORIONE)

WITH A LAUNCH TO THE FUTURE, ANNOUNCING THE GOSPEL OF CHARITY



“Your Little religious Congregation bears the name of «Missionaries of Charity», that means Missionary of God because «God is Charity» «Deus Caritas est»; it means Missionary of Jesus Christ, because Jesus Christ is God and is Charity: it means Missionary, that is to say, servant of the poor, because in the poor you serve, comfort and evangelize Jesus Christ. But this divine charity, you need to start among you, to have it in you, to live it, if you want to bring and carry it to your brethren.”

(18.8.1921; Writings 65,248)

“Oh Missionaries of Charity, you are sisters called by the hand of God to spread Charity to the hearts of the sick, of the derelict! O how much good you are called to do: to spread charity, to help: and how much good you will do if you love one another! Courage, go, sow the charity of Jesus Christ with your words, your works, sacrifice yourselves, make an holocaust of your lives...”¹.

In these words of Don Orione we find a perfect synthesis of what is the reason of existence as LMSC in the Church and in the world.

In the chosen logo for the Century anniversary of the Foundation of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity, that will be celebrated on 29th June 2015, it is represented the Charity of God that shines and gushes from the Cross of Jesus, it prolongs throughout the life, in the hands, in the works of mercy and fills the Church with good fruits. The Charity is the instrument through which we caress and care for our brethren, through which we evangelize, through which we can be opened to the world and part of it, through which Christ is loved and served in the poor and through which the poor can experience the love of Christ and the maternity of the Church.

The cross, symbol of the Charity of God, through a bond of love, embraces and wraps the person, guiding and accompanying it in the action which stretches out and opens towards the **world**. **The hands** represents the person who recognizing the Charity within himself and feeling accompanied and supported by the faith, can become in full freedom, an instrument of Charity. The union of the action of God Charity and the person it **produces sprouts and fruits**... it produces new life.

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¹ Costituzioni delle PSMC, Art. 41; Don Orione 5-8-1932

