October 24: SSND and the UN

Since October 24, 1833 we SSNDs have been called; we have been sent. "Our constitution calls us to be deeply inserted in our world, to address its basic needs and to lay down our lives that others may live. We are called to transform the world by making Christ visibly present through our ministry as educators." *(YAS Foreword)* On this date in 2023, we celebrate 190 years.



As World War II was ending in 1945, nations were in ruins, and the world wanted peace. They proceeded to draft and then sign the United Nations Charter, which created a new international organization on October 24, 1945, the United Nations, which, it was hoped, would prevent another world war like the one they had just lived through. The founders of the UN wanted the world their children would inherit to be defined by the values enshrined in the UN Charter: peace, justice, respect, human rights, tolerance and solidarity. We also celebrate these 78 years.

There is no other global organization with the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact of the United Nations. No other global organization gives hope to so many people for a better world and we pray it will eventually deliver the future we want. Today, the urgency for all countries to come together, to fulfil the promise of the nations united, has rarely been greater.

SSNDs have been associated with the UN as a Non-Governmental Organization since 1993. We, School Sisters of Notre Dame, accept the world as the concrete situation in which we carry out Christ's mission. We trust our charism to give focus to our life in mission.

Learn more about the UN.

- History of the United Nations

Watch:

- UN Charter - "We the Peoples"
- History of the United Nations - Behind the News