



Mission Moment

Honoring Sister Kristin Battles ~ Wisdom woman for our times

In her nine years as Provincial Superior in California, Sister Kristin shared her reflections with the sisters of the province. "A community of friends centered in Jesus" became her theme.

God, give us a restless energy for what we could become. Open our eyes to new ways to preach and to be your good news. Move us from comfortable conversations to actions of conviction. Fill us with the imagination of your Holy Spirit. As a community of friends centered in Jesus, help us to be the disciples you love for us to be. Amen.

November, 2003

There below the turmoil of our daily life is the peace of life ...centered in Jesus. There if we are brave enough to share our most intimate thoughts, feelings, desires and sins with him, a new life can emerge in us, a life of union, a life illuminated by the light of Jesus, a life that will overflow in acts of compassion, a life that will give witness to the fact that the reign of God has taken possession of us. Jesus will dispel our loneliness. He will fill up our emptiness. He will be our unifying force who brings meaning and direction to our lives.

Christmas, 2001

I recently heard a term that was new to me—"Spirituality of Sufficiency." A spirituality of sufficiency is really all about simplicity.

- It is about putting people before things. It is about being over having. It is about creating an inner space which is uncluttered and is open to receive and to be more aware of the spiritual gifts around us.
- It allows us to be totally present to people because we do not have other agendas. We can listen to and attend to others without being manipulative or controlling.
- It calms the inner voice of greed and possessiveness and is open to care, concern, love and the promptings of the Spirit. It becomes the source of true life and vitality because it is the attainment of inner freedom.

Advent, 2002

Through a collaborative process, the SND's in California formulated a mission statement, core values and corporate apostolate. It included these words:

We bring hope to others by:

- Witnessing boldly living Gospel community
- Educating in faith formation
- Empowering women, children, the poor and marginalized
- Initiating and supporting mission activities

These are the ways in which we, in this time and in this place, understand the Holy Spirit choosing to work through us with the resources we have in personnel, finances, and material goods to bring about the kingdom of God.

Pentecost, 2003

It is in prayer that the stresses in our lives are refashioned by God's way of thinking. Through prayer God becomes for us the light that shines on everything in the world. He becomes the air we breathe. Through prayer we become aware of the Holy Spirit in us and God's gaze resting upon us. Prayer becomes a cosmic liturgy as we join the world of God and the world of humankind in our petitions, praise and thanking prayers.

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