

# SSNDCP Vision Statement for Ministry: That We May Be One

Inspired by faith and graced with the spirit of Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, our foundress, we choose to express our mission through ministry directed toward education. For us education means enabling persons to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God's image and assisting them to direct their gifts toward building the earth. YAS, C 22

Our ministry demands a Christian vision of what the human person is called to be and the world is destined to become. Like Blessed Theresa, we educate with the conviction that the world can be changed through the transformation of persons.

We respond to God's call expressed in our times and engage in a diversity of ministries. Like her, we educate in schools and in other areas of urgent need. We exclude no one from our concern, but are especially sensitive to youth and women and are impelled to prefer the poor.

Imbued with a global vision, we strive to create a global community where human dignity is respected, the environment is treasured, spirituality is nourished, and justice is accomplished.

**VISION FOR MINISTRY:** In a spirit of creative fidelity to the gifts of the Spirit that found expression in Blessed Theresa's life we are impelled to make the charism available to the future, to nourish and sustain it through our life and our ministries and to find new and unsuspecting ways to share this gift.

**SSND Ministry Ideals:** Those who minister in the spirit of Blessed Theresa seek to:

- Embody Gospel values and actualize the social teachings of the Church;
- Minister with the conviction that education enables individuals to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God's image and assists them to direct their gifts toward transforming the world;
- Exclude no one from their concern, especially preferring youth, women and those who are impoverished and made vulnerable by society;
- Promote unity that is evidenced by inclusivity, internationality, interculturality and community;
- Respond to the crises of this age, embracing the interconnectedness of all of life;
- Effect systemic change in order to establish God's beloved community.