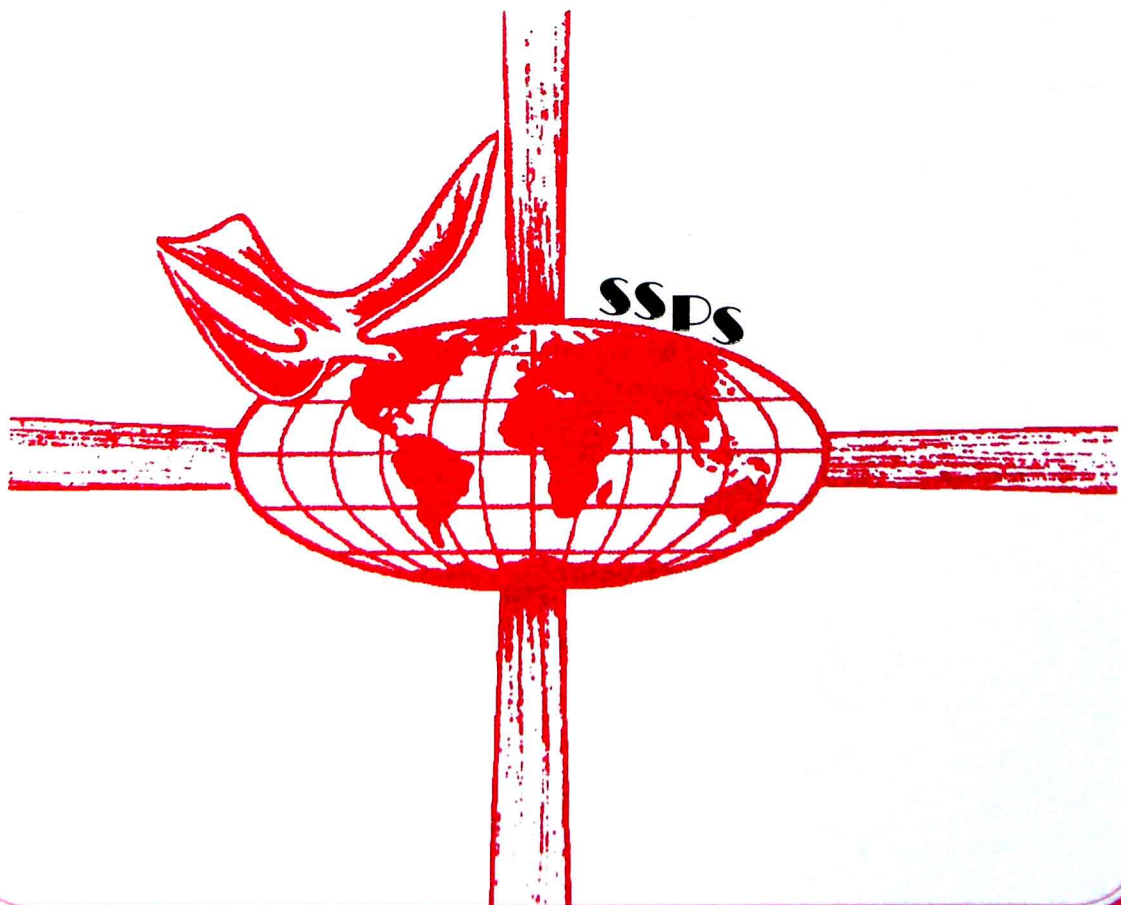


**HOLY
SPIRIT
MISSIONARY
ASSOCIATION**

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THE SPIRIT'S DWELLING

Do you know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

I Cor 3:16

PROMPTINGS OF THE SPIRIT

For this reason I remind you to rekindle
the gift of God that is within you through
the laying on of my hand; for God did not
give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a
Spirit of power and of love and of self-
discipline. 2 Tm 1:6-8

ACTION OF THE SPIRIT

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our
weakness; for we do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that very Spirit
intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
And God, who searches the heart, knows
what is the mind of the Spirit, because
the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

Rom 8:26-27

SUCCESS IN THE SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Gal 5:22

HAPPINESS IN THE SPIRIT

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not
quench the Spirit.

I Thes 5:16-19

Blessed Arnold Janssen SVD,

Founder of the:
Divine Word Missionaries;
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters (SSpS);
and Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit
of Perpetual Adoration
(SSpSAP) (Pink Sisters)



Blessed Maria Helena Stollenwerk, SSpS

Foundress with Arnold Janssen of
the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters.
First member of the congregation.
Later, knowing the desire of Arnold
Janssen she joined the Pink Sisters.



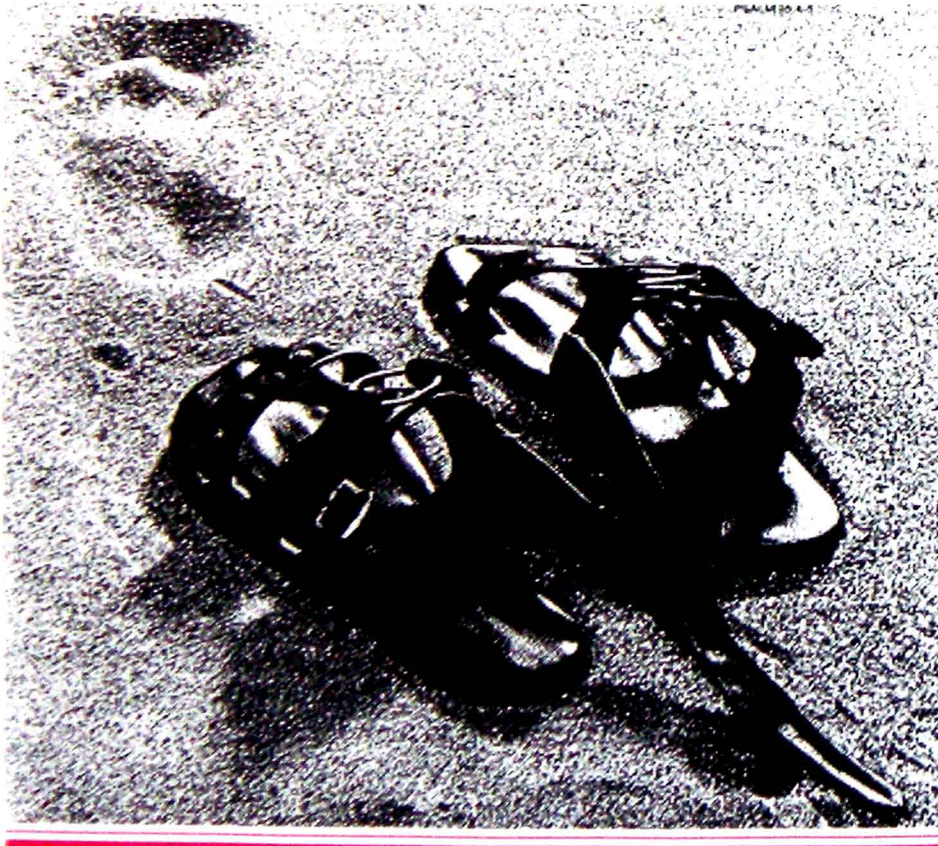
Mother Josepha Stenmanns, SSpS

Co-foundress and one of the
earliest Holy Spirit Missionary
Sisters who worked side by
side with Mother Maria
Helena. Became the superior
general when Mother Maria
Helena joined the Pink Sisters.



HISTORY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION (HSMA)

First evidence of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association was in 1921, when the HS Hilswerk was founded by the general administration of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters in Steyl, Holland, for the purpose of financially supporting their missionary work. To honor the Holy Spirit, in 1957 the sisters in Steyl, Holland founded the Holy Spirit Association. In 1979, the missionary dimension merged the two, forming the **Holy Spirit Missionary Association**. Each time, the HSMA met the approval of the local bishop, which canonically established it as a "Pia Unio" (Pious Union).



THE GOALS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION



This
is my
body...

The members of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association take on the efforts of the Holy Spirit, who so loves the world and is committed to the well-being of the world,
(the *body of Christ*).

By **CONSECRATING THEIR LIVES TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT,**

the membership image the efforts of the Holy Spirit by striving

■ to reach out as Jesus did in prayer, peace and justice to the ecology and persons of all religions, classes and cultures, wherever and in whatever situation they find themselves;

■ to deepen and live out their knowledge of the mission of Jesus, the mission of the church, in relationship with the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters.

By simply caring for the world the members become ***associates with the Holy Spirit*** and grow into a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's love for the world is an attitude of the Trinitarian God through which members are steeped in the experience of the community of the Blessed Trinity.

THE GUIDELINES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Caring and loving the world as does the Holy Spirit means to do so as Jesus did. This implies coming to know Jesus' ways of seeing things and taking on Jesus' values. To participate in the Holy Spirit 's task implies being a missionary. To assist the Holy Spirit Missionary Associates in achieving their goals as missionaries in the mission of the church, they

- are receptive of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, holy fear;
- consecrate themselves to the Holy Spirit on the third Monday of each month, in unison with the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters and other HSMA members throughout the world;
- allow time for daily prayer/dialogue with the Holy Spirit;
- when applicable, participate in the Eucharist on third Mondays;
- seek out Jesus' attitude from Scripture, homilies, talks, the SSpS charism or other persons;
- make Jesus' love visible in caring for the ecology, religions, classes and cultures in some way and in any situation;
- participate in any parish effort when possible;
- celebrate the feast of Pentecost (or confirmation anniversary).



SSpS LOGO

BONDING THROUGH AND WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY SISTERS



The Holy Spirit Missionary Association is not only strengthened is its baptismal commitment to the world through its bond with the 3,800 Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, but through all the members of the association. As is the Trinity, the association is internationally bonded to men and women, married and single, young and elderly, and of various faiths from

Asia, Africa, Argentina, Austria,

Philippines, Germany, Holland, India, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, USA,....

– a membership of more than 30,000 throughout the world.

The Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters from around the world include the Holy Spirit Missionary Associates in their prayer, especially on third Mondays and during the Novena before Pentecost. The sisters remember all deceased associates in a special manner.

SSpS Mission, published by the sisters, is sent as an aid to strengthen the missionary vocation of each of the members of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association. Through "stories" of the sisters' ministry in home and overseas countries, members are encouraged in their evangelization in their own circumstance and situation.



**IMMACULATE SPOUSE OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

PATRONNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Mary, the Immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit, continuously allowed herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. She is the perfect mentor of the true disciple and missionary of Jesus.

EXPENSES

To help defray costs connected with mailings, each member of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association is asked to contribute five dollars a year.



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