

## LIFE IN COMMUNITY

We are attracted, captured, inspired to enter this direction of life for the sake of Christ and allowing ourselves to be transformed by the same fire of CHARITY that will enable us to pass it on to others. With the genuine mentality of change for a radical renewal in the quality of our life and service, the attention it demands, the possibilities it offers and the value of unity in diversity, we will be more relevant and efficacious as consecrated Canossians in today's world.

[Chapter Resolutions]

Magdalene of Canossa was devoted to alleviating the various poverties of her time but her dream was to come together with like-minded women as a community and thus making a collective difference. Therefore in 1808 the first Canossian Community was born. Since then, many other Canossian Communities have come to life all over the world and together, they are making a difference. How? Each Sister puts her gifts of mind and spirit at the service of the poor, those needing human promotion through education, and those hungry for God, those disenfranchised and neglected, those who are sick and who feel abandoned. Like the disciples in the early church, the Sisters hold everything in common, accepting each Sister with all her gifts and limits and striving as one family to make Jesus known and loved. They are sustained in this common endeavour by daily prayer which nourishes their relationship with Jesus to whom they have committed themselves for life by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, to His mission of being LOVE. They also find strength and support in their daily prayer together, uniting their hearts and minds within the Church in common praise to God and in seeking as a community to know His direction and will in their lives.