

**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
MISSIONARY OF BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF
THE MANILA PRIORY (2004)**

The 15th Manila Priory Chapter theme of “Revitalizing Our Local Communities for Effective Witness to Christ” resonated with the clamor of our Sisters for renewal of our communities and thus gather fresh energies in our work with the youth, the poor and marginalized, specially women and children, the “little ones” of the earth.

In the widening penetration of elite globalization in the Philippine political, social and cultural life, and in the violent grab for power and wealth by the few, these “little ones” are sacrificed on the altar of greed and selfish interests. The young people are daily exposed to false values of consumerism, women and children are commodified, the poor scramble for crumbs falling from the table of the affluent.

Our task of mission is to walk with them, struggle with them, support in their request to reclaim their dignity as persons with much right to the benefits of developments as all other Filipinos. We affirm our resolve to continue pursuing the bold and daring initiatives called for by *Missions '96* and *Directions 2001*. We give stronger impetus to the calls for peace and decisive action on criminality, corruption, terrorist attacks, and total disrespect for life.

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