

Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Sacrament



1. The founder

Father Emile Géara from Habil-Jbeil

- He was ordained a priest in 1952 at the Patriarchal School of Ain-Warka (Ghosta).
- In 1956, at the Ain Warka School, he started social work for "Les jeunes Filles du Liban" to educate girls, safeguard their dignity, and train them for the future as good and virtuous mothers of families.
- Driven by his deep love and worship of the Eucharist, he discovered his calling to found a religious community in the name of the Blessed Sacrament. Thankfully, he received the approval of the Maronite Patriarchate and the approval of the Holy See on July 21, 1966.
- On September 17, 1965, he had the occasion to meet his Holiness Paul VI., who granted him his blessing for the founding of his church.
- On September 14, 1966, the community was established during the customary ceremony of the first eight novices of the church. In accordance with the canonical laws, this church itself has a patriarchal right.
- Words of the founder
"The good God will always be our lot, as long as we are the lot of the poor."
"Prayer, faith and work! If charity brings these three words to life, anything can be possible."
"And are you angry, man, when you see them favoring your neighbor - did not you see that Barnabas was brought forward to Jesus, your God?"

2. The spirituality of the religious community

It can be summarized in three words: evangelical, eucharistic, apostolic.

- Evangelically, she seeks to continue the salutary apostolate of the Gospel: "He who hears my word and believes in him who has sent me, will have eternal life." (John 5:24) In this way she recognizes the holy desires of her Divine Master who came to live a life that is more beneficial (John 10:10)
- Eucharistic, she aims to have the nuns take care of the Hosts and souls. "No love is deeper than that of man for his loved ones." (John 15:13)
- As an apostolic motto, she chooses the word that Jesus Christ addressed to his apostles: "As Heavenly Father sent me, I send you." (John 20:21) "Now go into the whole world and preach to all humanity good news. (Mark 16:15)

3. The special duties of the religious community

- Constantly worshipping the Holy Sacrament inside and out and spreading it among the faithful and especially among the children.
- Co-operation with priests in their various spiritual, educational and apostolic activities: catechism, worship, collective prayer and apostolic movements.
- Educate young people about humanitarian principles and Christian virtues, to safeguard their dignity and protect their purity and morality, for today's young people will be the future mothers and fathers.
- Helping the poor, the weak, the suffering and the helpless after the word of the gospel: "He sent me to preach the poor and heal the poor" (Luke 4:18) and the word of the Holy Spirit in the Book Tobit: "My son, do not turn your face from a poor man so that the face of God will not turn away from you." (Tob 4: 7)

4. Institutions and centers of the religious community

- The social work «Les jeunes Filles du Liban», founded in Ain-Warka-Ghosta between 1956 and 1957, houses boarding school students, most of whom have a difficult social environment, in the basic and supplementary classes. Their support is provided in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs. In the years 2012-2013 the boarding school closed. However, the monastery still receives boarding girls who continue their academic studies at the CHARFÉ school in Ghosta. There are currently about 40 girls in boarding school.
- Secondary School "Collège de la jeune Fille du Liban" in Beit Habbak (Jbeil): It started its social and educational activities in the years 1969 - 1970. It covers several areas:
 - i. Preschool academic school, elementary school, secondary school and secondary school. There are currently more than 1400 students from around 30 surrounding villages. The institution has about 100 boarding girls, orphans, needy and difficult cases from all over the country. Primary education is free. The Ministry of Social Affairs also looks after a certain number of students in the other cycles.
 - ii. The technical school where girls learn to cut, sew, embroider, paint, bake, computer and learn languages.
 - iii. The pharmacy receives patients from around 20 villages, advises them and supplies them with medication.
- Jeune Fille du Liban House in Kfarmashoun - Jbeil welcomes young girls as well as apostolic, cultural and social camps and movements and organizes spiritual retreats. It also houses a retirement home for women.
- Karm el Mohr (North): In this village, the sisters provide humanitarian services and help priests in all church activities.
- The social center of the shrine "Mother of Mercy" in Miziara - Northern Lebanon: It includes asylum for the elderly, a center for arts and crafts and a pharmacy. The sisters accompany the visitors.

- The Sacred Heart Church, Sami El Solh-Badaro Street (Beirut). The sisters ensure the constant worship of the Blessed Sacrament and the support of the priests in their parish activities.
- Saint Maron Center in Jeita (Kesrouan): It includes a technical school, a pharmacy and an institute for Christian education. The sisters are also involved in the service of the Church and the faithful.
- The CTP center in Aîn-El Deîr, Ehmej: It is among others. dedicated to the spiritual retreats of the sisters.

5. The educational mission of the religious community

The Schools of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have an essentially Christian mission that preaches primarily an evangelical message and is aimed at serving people, regardless of their religion or allegiance. In this way, they envision the human values that lead to God, and through Him they strive to faithfully follow the path taken by the venerable Founding Father.

Classes at these schools therefore have the following goals:

- The spiritual fulfillment of the students: faith, trust, devotion, consciousness.
- The development of patriotic values: equality, unity, brotherhood.
- Social and human development: solidarity, equality with obligations and obligations ...
- The education and teaching necessary to shape the man of tomorrow who believes in justice, truth and freedom.