What does it mean for me to be an LCM Sister in the 21stCentury

'Let us be on our Mission of love, let us be instruments God can use at any moment'' I chose these words from our Foundress Mother Mary Potter which I found suitable to be the meaning of an LCM sister in the 21st century. That is what we are called and founded for, that we may be a light to the world, be able to bring love to the world and to be ready to go where Christ wants us to go.

This generation is moving so fast, I realised that as an LCM I need to be courageous, simple, filled with compassion and to be in touch with the needs of the world in order to work with the people of God. As a sister, I am called to minister to God's people with love, care and concern, imitating Mary mother of Jesus and our Mother foundress as my role models. These women lived their lives in accordance with the will of God, hence what they laboured for was fruitful.

Our current world is wounded, so as a young LCM Sister, I am called to heal those wounds physically and spiritually depending on God's help. For it is when I am open and willingly, I will be in touch with the needs of our world and believing in God's providence. I should be able to reach out to those in need especially the sick, suffering and the dying both physically, spiritually and psychologically. By so doing I will be fulfilling and witnessing what we were founded for by our mother foundress.

To be an LCM in this 21stcentury, means a lot, including valuing priorities as a sister which includes prayer for it is in prayer that we are granted the strength to move on because if we are left alone, we might feel weak and fall. This century calls me to deepen my relationship with the Lord and to increase the knowledge of myself, wherever I am. There is also a call to reflective listening, to pay attention and working together, making sure that no one is left behind.

A Little Company of Mary Sister in this era, should strive and do her best to live and fulfil our charism, to know the aim why we were founded despite the hardships we may encounter in life. What we are supposed to do only is to further the mission of Christ. It is a call to love unconditionally like Mother Mary Potter did, not worrying about her health but, cared greatly for other people who were in need despite her frailty.

It is good to be in touch with the new signs of the times to be connected with reality, which makes it easier to reach out to the world in need. This century is calling me to be as wise as a serpent but as harmless as a dove because of the different circumstances that people find themselves in. The task laid before me is to carry the mission of Christ to the furthest ends of the world. The presence of an LCM sister is to make a difference wherever they are but with humility and love.

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