

## *Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri* *Corporate Stances*

### **Cancellation of Debt - 2000**

Impelled by our mission of reconciliation and our desire to serve the poor and marginalized, we, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri, seek justice and mercy for all people. Therefore, at the beginning of this millennium year, we call upon the leaders of the wealthiest countries, the commercial banks, and the International Monetary fund (IMF), the World Bank, regional development banks, and other international financial institutions to write off the crushing international debt of impoverished countries by the end of the year 2000m the Jubilee Year.

We ask these leaders to cancel the debt in a way that benefits ordinary people and without conditions that perpetuate or deepen poverty and environmental degradation. We ask them to work with governments and civil society to prevent recurring cycles of destructive indebtedness.

We call upon ourselves to live out the call of our *Constitutions 21, 22* and *Directory D21.1* as we endeavor to bring about the cancellation of the international debt of the impoverished countries.

### **Death Penalty - 2001**

Impelled by our mission of reconciliation and our desire to follow the nonviolent ethic of life from conception to natural death, we, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri, seek justice and mercy for all people.

We believe that capital punishment is an affront to the sacredness of life and should be abolished. To express words in action, we, Sister and Partners, will engage corporately and individually, in activities that will move toward the goal of ending the death penalty in our nation. Together we will work to promote a justice that brings healing and growth to both victim and perpetrators.

### **War on Iraq - 2002**

We, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri, work to promote reconciliation and nonviolence in dealing with conflict. We strongly oppose initiating an attack and beginning a war with Iraq by the United States. We encourage diplomatic means to be pursued in the resolution of the current conflict between the United States and Iraq.

### **Iraq - 2004**

We, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri, through our mission of reconciliation, seek to promote peace and non-violence. We strongly opposed the United States beginning a war with Iraq. We wish to be in solidarity with the people of Iraq and our military personnel there who are suffering the results of that war. We offer our apologies for the occupation and torture that have been forced upon the people of Iraq as part of the war. We pray that the handover of power which took place June 28, 2004, will make peace possible in Iraq. We encourage our government officials to continue pursuing collaboration with the United Nations to work with the Iraqi Council to create the peaceful society the Iraqi people desire.

## **Comprehensive Reform of the Immigration System - 2013**

Impelled by our mission of reconciliation and remembering our community history of being immigrants ourselves to the United States, we the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri affirm the rights of all immigrants to be treated with respect and dignity.

We call on our federal government leaders to work together to establish Comprehensive Reform of the United States Immigration System as outlined by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. We call on local and state leaders to create a welcoming atmosphere as they implement the immigration reform policies.

We Sisters pledge to actively support those who work to achieve just and humane Comprehensive Immigration Reform in the United States.