



POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Who we are

We are the daughters of ST. KATHARINA KASPER (1820 -1898)
St. Katharina Kasper was born on May 26th, 1820 in Dernbach, a small town in the Westerwald Germany. She was the seventh child of poor farmers and therefore knew the plight of the people in her homeland. Like many other children at that time, she was unable to attend school regularly. She often fell sick; still she rendered a helping hand to her parents in the field. What was striking and touching was, their piety, their firm faith and their love of God. She found herself called by God and dedicated her whole life to him. Out of faith and devotion, she helped wherever help was needed. It was very important to her that the people whom she helped get to know God and the beauty of the faith. Originally she had no intention of founding an order, but when more and more young women joined her in the service of God she founded an "Association" and gave a rule. In this rule, she formulated her goal, which is still relevant today. She wanted to spread the faith by example, instruction and prayer. The Congregation was founded on August 15, 1851. Katharina gave the community its name POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST. In the following years the religious community grew very quickly. Many young girls were inspired by the work of Katharina In addition to caring for the



elderly, sick and poor, the sisters also looked after the upbringing of children and girls. When she died on February 2, 1898 in Dernbach, she left a large work and a religious community with more than 1,700 sisters who worked in five countries. Katharina impressed the people of her time with her goodness, courage love for God and humble service for the poor and needy. She had complete trust in God and followed the divine will of God.



Our Charism:

The Charism and Spirituality of our Foundress, St. Katharina Kasper, are just as present in the PHJC Congregation today as they were at the time of the founding of the Congregation.

Thus “Urged by the serving love of God, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ serve the Poor, Sick and Needy whenever and wherever there is a need.”

Our Spirituality:

The Spirituality of the POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST is centered in Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary was completely open to the invitation of God and wanted only to fulfill His will. Like her, we say “yes” with the gift of our lives. St. Katharina Kasper inspires us to be poor in the sense of our own nothingness and complete dependence on God's providence.

**Do you feel a calling
towards religious life?**

Then contact us :-

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We find God in —



HEALTH MINISTRY



EDUCATION MINISTRY



SOCIAL MINISTRY



CARE FOR THE LEPROSY PATIENT



BOARDING

Today we are

Today the Congregation continues its mission ministries and mission in the spirit of St. Katharina in Germany, England, Netherlands, USA, India, Brazil, Mexico, Kenya and Nigeria.

She listened to the spirit speaking within her. On April 16, 1978 Pope Paul VI declared Katharina Blessed, She was Canonized by Pope Francis in Rome on October 14, 2018.

Ask God what He wants from you and be brave to respond.

Jesus needs you to walk in His Footsteps to work for His kingdom.

The one you love, calls you, will you answer?

Journey with PHJC's in the footsteps of St. Katharina Kasper to follow Jesus.

God who created me now calls me to religious life through the congregation of PHJC. I listen, God is Calling me to religious life

Are you ready to become the hands and feet of Jesus to serve humanity?

