

Feast of Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger



In the name of the
Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

L: God of peace be
praised as we rejoice in the
resurrected life of Jesus.

A: God of light be praised as we
honor the legacy of Blessed Theresa.

Reading: Prologue, *You Are Sent*

Our charism continues to develop in
the living community, which enriched
by the past, enables the
congregation to unfold in the present
and to be challenged by the future.

A: In a spirit of creative fidelity we
commit to respond to the challenges
of the Directional Statement *Love
Gives Everything* in the charism of
Blessed Theresa.

Sing refrain: God's cause is the
only concern of our hearts. God's
cause is our cause.

R1: I should be poor in spirit and
poor in spirit I wish to be and am
determined to be. (Letter 3)

A: We embrace Gospel Poverty,
probe its deeper meaning, and risk
opening ourselves to be
transformed.

R2: Praised and blessed be the Most
Holy Trinity - and our dearest
heavenly Mother, Mary - in whose
presence we will one day meet again,
greet one another and rejoice
eternally. (Letter 736)

A: We deepen our consciousness of
who we are in relationship with the
Triune God, one another, and God's
amazing universe through theological
reflection on the Trinity.

R3: Let us live together in peace and
love as the holy family, Jesus, Mary
and Joseph, so that each of our
houses will become like the holy
house of Nazareth. (Letter 4307)

A: We claim our authentic
community life as a prophetic
witness of unity in diversity and a
service to God's people.

Sing refrain: God's cause...



R1: Unity alone makes us strong within and without; unity makes us without; unity makes us indestructible. Unity lightens the hardships of our vocation; unity makes us invincible. (Letter 3006)

A: We expand our understanding of interculturality and commit to develop skills for intercultural living in community and society.

R2: A multifaceted education cannot cause any harm. (Letter 259)

A: We risk innovative responses as educators in a rapidly changing world impacted by globalization and technology.

R3: If God leads us to your flock, we want to help pasture it to the best of our ability, so that, with the grace of God, we can give the dear little ones an education so that they will become not only capable members of ...society, but above all, devout citizens of heaven. (Letter 140)

A: We educate, advocate and act in collaboration with others for the dignity of life and the care of all creation.

R1: United and content with little, we go out into the whole world, into the tiniest villages, into the poorest dwellings, wherever the Lord calls us. (Letter 144)

A: We discern as a congregation which urgent and critical global concerns we are called to address and we dare to respond boldly in unsuspected ways.

Sing refrain: God's cause...

Reflection and sharing:

Do you see any examples of how our charism of unity is unfolding in the present? Challenged by the future? How do you contribute to unity?

Closing Prayer

O Triune God, you impel us into the heart of the world to be women of peace, hope and love. May we, the living community, continue to develop our charism in the spirit of Blessed Theresa and according to You Are Sent.

