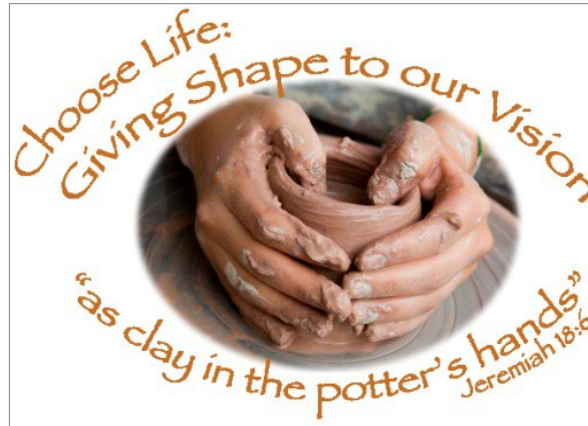


## Our Thrust and direction



Our Institute has its origin in the heart of God who so loved the world and desired it to have "life in all its fullness" John 3:15, BI 3

In order to have "life in all its fullness", we hear God asking us to accept fragility and vulnerability as a gift which unites us to Him and to the way He became visible in the world as a vulnerable human being.

Through this gift, God continues to invite us to become with him, co-creators with all people of goodwill in the world today.

In our relationships we are constantly moulded and reshaped by each other "as clay in the potter's hands". (Acts of the Chapter 2013)

In the quality of our relationships which allows each one to grow:

- when we can welcome and respect those who are different
- when we are ready to listen deeply and be transformed in our dialogue with the other (inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue)
- when we recognise that each person has something to give and something to receive especially those the world looks down on
- when we open our doors to pray and reflect with others
- when we become peacemakers especially in situations where there is conflict, fear and lack of trust.

In the call to live internationality:

- when we network in collaboration with sisters, lay partners and other organisations, co-creators of a common future BI 7
- when we are enriched by our different cultures BI 11b
- when we share our human and temporal resources
- when we embrace diversity and build bridges of unity
- when we strengthen the relationships and communication between provinces of the same continent and between continents of the institute
- when we work together for shared Formation programmes at all levels
- when we make the effort to learn another language, giving priority to English

In the call to live co-responsibility:

- when we discern and welcome new forms of belonging
- when we allow our structures to evolve and give more life
- when we promote greater participation at all levels (delegation / subsidiarity / interdependence)
- when we live more sustainably with one another and all of creation

*Go forth with renewed faith and hope:*

*"I am with you always."*

*Matthew 28: 20*

## IJ Sisters' Vision Statement

As members of the Infant Jesus community,  
we belong to the people of God.  
God calls us to live according to the spirit of the Gospel.  
Touched by this call we reach out  
to those whose dignity has been damaged.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ  
we seek to be present to people,  
respecting the dignity of all being  
and the identity of each and every one.

We seek to advance the human and spiritual  
development of all,  
creating and enabling environment to discern God's will.

We network with others to promote  
a more just and peaceful world  
and search for ways to respond to global challenges,  
with special attention to those in greatest need.

Our sense of belonging is expressed in  
our spirituality and sharing of faith,  
the inter-relatedness of being,  
and the support we offer one another.

Relying on the strength of God's Spirit,  
we seek to live in simplicity and availability,  
freedom and courage,  
with trust and joy in God  
who loves each and every one unconditionally.