



WHEEL MEDITATION

## The Wheel – a triple Symbol

### 1. Symbol of the Trinity:

**Centre**, axis of the wheel: God Father, from whom everything originates and to whom everything returns. **Hose** of the wheel –the tire: God the Son, who through his incarnation came into contact with the earth. **Spokes** of the wheel: the Hl. Spirit, the love that unites Father and Son.

The wheel thus symbolises Jesus, who is with every one that works for the kingdom of God, – also with us, Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. We must remember that we are not alone on the way, no, Jesus is always with us. He himself said: I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Mt 28, 20). Together with Jesus is also the Father and the Hl. Spirit, as Jesus says, I am in the Father and the Father is in me. (Joh 14, 11). The same is true of the Hl. Spirit.

### 2. Symbol of Community:

Our Const. say: „*The origin of all Community is God in the mystery of the Hl. Trinity. The basis of a religious community is a strong faith, a special charism and a common mission.*“ (Const. 401)

A wheel. In the middle the axis from where the spokes run to the outer ring of the wheel. From there they strive to return to the centre. If the wheel is to be loaded, no spoke must be missing. The hub must be and must remain the middle, otherwise the wheel is unstable.

If Christ is the centre of our community – our European CPS-Province - then we are the spokes, all rooted in the centre and from there sent out till the end of the earth. If God is the centre of our lives, then we become aware of what the people of our time need most. And, the more united we are to Christ, the more united we are with one another.

### 3. Symbol for our new European Province:

Our Const. nr. 702 say: „*Our structures support us in our shared mission, foster unity and bind us together as Sisters irrespective of nationalities and cultures.*“

Axis = Hl. Trinity

Hub = Provincial Team

Outer rim of the wheel = work and apostolates of the Sisters

Spokes = individual Sister: co-responsible for the connection between apostolate and leadership. Each spoke is important; none may be missing. If the wheel remains turning, the load is never on one spoke alone. The load is shared. It may also be consoling for the hub – the leadership: though on one side is pressure from cares and problems, on the other side are the many that encourage, support and help to carry. To keep a wheel moving, the hub has in its middle a round opening for the axis. Without this opening, the wheel does not function; the opening is the triune God. He is the centre of all, he guides and directs all, also our future as a European Province.

We connect with a wheel the thought of quick movement, the urgency of our call. Jesus says to his disciples:

Go to all the nations and make people to my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Hl. Spirit.

And teach them everything which I have commanded you. Be assured: I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

