

Brief description of the Identity and Mission of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SCTJM) is a religious Institute founded in the Archdiocese of Miami, Florida in 1990, by Mother Adela Galindo. They are present in the Military Ordinariate of Italy in Rome, Italy, as well as in five dioceses throughout the United States: Archdiocese of Miami, the Diocese of Peoria, the Diocese of Orlando, the Diocese of St. Augustine, and the Diocese of Phoenix.

The spiritual Charism of the Institute is "to be a living image and presence of the Heart of Mary in the heart of the Church and to place their Marian charism at the service of the Apostolic-Petrine principle." To live this Marian charism, the sisters take a fourth vow of "Total Marian Identification and Availability."

There are four fundamental dimensions of this charism: Eucharistic, Marian, Charismatic, and full communion with the Heart of the Church. They are called to enflesh and communicate the legacy, mission and Magisterium of Saint John Paul II and to be at the service of the new evangelization.

Their apostolic charism is "to be ardent witnesses of the power and fecundity of love and the splendor of the Magisterium and Treasures of the Church so as to form the human heart to build a new civilization of love, truth, life, and solidarity in the heart of the Church and in the heart of the world." Being a Marian charism, their apostolic mission is also to reflect the all-embracing motherhood of Mary, and is therefore wide-ranging and covering all areas of the life of the Church and the needs of humanity. The Institute is always ready and "totally available" to go "in haste" like Our Lady to bring Christ to all hearts and to build a home, a school, and a path of holiness and Christian maturity wherever they go.

The Lord has called their Foundress, Mother Adela, to expand the charism, giving life to the *"Family of the Pierced Hearts"*: the Apostles of the Two Hearts, the Young Apostles of the Pierced Hearts, University Apostles of the Pierced Hearts, Little Apostles of the Two Hearts and the Missionary branches. There are also priests, deacons and seminarians associated to their spiritual Family. They are *all called to be witnesses to love* according to their proper vocation. In 2019, Mother Adela began the male branch of SCTJM Religious Brothers and Priests, opening Sacred Heart Convent. The desire of Our Lord and Our Lady for this foundation began with a Priest and a Brother, a beautiful detail confirming the particular character of the religious male branch.

All for the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary!

"We consecrate our whole life to be offerings of love and consolation to the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary by choosing in all things the perfection of love in order to give way to its triumph." (From the Formula of Profession of the Sisters)



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