Come …

and follow me!

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will …

Send me as a Daughter of Divine Charity to make God's love visible in the world

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

The Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Charity was founded by Servant of God, Mother Franziska Lechner in Vienna, Austria on November 21, 1868.

As the Congregation grew, she adopted the rule of Saint Augustine to guide the life of her community.

She challenged her sisters to make God’s love visible among the people, beginning with young women coming to the cities by providing them with love, acceptance, as well as having housing, educational opportunities and job training. Other ministries followed, thus fulfilling her motto, “All for God, for the poor and for our Congregation.”

Mother Franziska Lechner died in Austria in 1894 leaving 350 daughters to continue her mission in 25 existing ministries.

Today, over a thousand sisters continue her legacy of love on 4 continents: Europe, Africa, North and South America which encompasses 22 countries. In 2018 we will celebrate our 150th Jubilee.

We, the Daughters of Divine Charity in the U.S. began our mission in 1913.

Today we are known as Holy Family Province dedicated - “To do good, to give joy, to make happy and to lead to heaven.” M. Franziska Lechner