

The Ketteler Legacy

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A New Year!

A new year has arrived with its many questions, problems, fears, and hopes for the future. Our government leadership has changed and we may or may not agree with this leadership. However, we are called upon by our faith and by our community's history to follow the cry of the poor, the homeless, and those without hope.

The gap between the rich and the poor widens, the homeless and immigrant numbers grow larger, we daily hear of violence and discrimination both in our country and throughout the world. We ask ourselves, what can I do both as an individual and as a Sister of Divine Providence? The answer is found in both the Gospels and in our Community History.

Jesus' example of service to the poor, the neglected, and those unloved calls us to be open to all peoples. We need to listen to His quiet voice encouraging us to stand united with the least of His people. Our community history shows both Ketteler and Mother Marie's love for the poor. Our early community called us to service with the poor, the orphan, those who are neglected. Today, we continue to serve in areas where poverty and neglect exist. Where immigrants find refuge and where children are taught to love others as Jesus did.

We as Sisters and Associates of Divine Providence must never give up hope for a better world, a world where peace and justice exists for all. We must continue to:

- *Live as examples of justice, peace, and love to those unloved.*
- *Follow in the footsteps of Ketteler and Mother Marie in our service to the poor and neglected.*
- *Be the face of God in an unloving world.*

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"Today, the haves and the have-nots confront each other with animosity, and the poverty of the masses grows daily." (Bishop Ketteler)

"...the goods of creation are destined to serve the needs of all humankind."
(Bishop Ketteler)