

Intentional *gathering & engagement*

Theresians, believing in the “Ministry of Presence” to one another, gather in community once a month, usually in a member’s home. During this time together, we pray and actively participate in a program that feeds our souls and spirits. Our programs are spiritually inspired and intellectually challenging.

Theresians *is a vibrant organization*

Theresians welcome all women who search for meaning, values, love and support within a community of women. We empower women to experience bonded relationships. These experiences enrich and balance the complex challenges of contemporary living.

We are a unique international organization seeking to meet the needs of women in the 21st century. Our Theresian mission supersedes culture, nationality, and language. Theresians welcome all women who search for meaning, values, and communal love and support.

Information *about our Ministry*

If you want more information about Theresians, our website provides detailed history of our ministry and contains current newsletters and information on upcoming conferences. If you are interested in becoming a Theresian, or are interested in beginning a Theresian community, please contact us by writing or calling our Theresian office.

“Love alone can make us pleasing to God, so I desire no other treasure.”

St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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Charism *Statement*

Inspired by the prophetic vision of our founder, Msgr. Elwood C. Voss and the spirit of our founding women, we are committed to the call of Vatican II. Following the example of the missionary heart of our patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, we seek to live according to Gospel values:

- personal and communal prayer, scripture reflection, and faith sharing (SPIRITUALITY)
- our call to discipleship by witnessing the Gospel of Jesus in and through the ordinary in our lives (VOCATION)
- monthly gatherings that enrich, support, and encourage women to grow in holiness (COMMUNITY)
- continued formation leading to spiritual maturity (EDUCATION)
- presence and service that exemplify love, compassion, tolerance, understanding, and empathy with the feminine heart and global spirit (MINISTRY)



Women
in support of
Women
Reaching out with
Gospel values

Who are We?

Theresians is a Catholic organization, open to all Christian women. Theresians was founded on the feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux October 1, 1961 by Monsignor Elwood C. Voss in Pueblo, CO, USA.

Mission Statement

Theresians is a global ministry founded in the Catholic tradition. We welcome all women who desire to grow spiritually within a Christian community. Theresians pledge support by prayerfully nurturing, affirming, and empowering one another to become the women God intends them to be. By living according to Five Dimensions – *Spirituality, Vocation, Education, Community, and Ministry*, we grow in Gospel values.

Spirituality – Through daily prayer and praying the scriptures together at our gatherings, we encourage openness to speak of our spirituality. We lead each other in prayer services and pray for each other.

Community – Theresians globally are committed to gathering in community once each month. It is within community that the other four dimensions are given visible expressions.

Vocation – Theresians strive to respond to their Baptismal call by living their own commitment and by encouraging other women to do the same.

Education – We actively participate in educational programs. The format varies according to each community's choice. We share insights, ideas, and personal experience with one another. We support regional days of prayer, national and international Theresian conferences. The Theresian experience empowers women for leadership at all levels.

Ministry – We reach out to one another in times of crisis and in times of joy. We recognize that what we do for others is ministry. This ministry emerges out of our faith lives. We are called to minister together in the larger community to those who need hope and affirmation; abused women and children, the mentally and physically ill, refugees, the imprisoned and the homeless.



Theresian Communities can be found in many countries. Currently there are nearly 2,000 members in nine countries.

Australia	Melbourne and Merbein
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre
Canada	Toronto
Ghana	Accra and Kumasi
Philippines	Davao City and Manila
Thailand	Bangkok
USA	Arizona, Colorado, California Illinois and Iowa Texas Louisiana Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia
Outreach Missions	Mexico, Argentina, Haiti

Testimonials of Theresians

“ I believe it was not luck that brought me to Theresians, but rather it was my relationship with friends who were Theresians, and seeing they had something in their lives that I was missing. Now I feel it as a true privilege to be part of this beautiful, global group of women, who really are connected to each other, through prayers, their care, support and love of each other, and their willingness to grow together in their faith in a very special way. ”

— Sharon, Rosewood Community



“ I am learning that Theresians isn't a lifestyle, it is part of who I am as a woman. These women are the sisters I never had growing up with and whom I share a loving and faithful support system! ”

— Maribeth, Reflections Community



“ Love builds a Christian. Thank you, Theresian sisters, for helping build me – and for involving me in construction around the world. ”

— Judy, Theresians VII Community



“ Accepting the call to become a Theresian was a most important decision for me. Being a Theresian in Ghana has allowed me to meet women from all around the world and we share a common spirituality and sisterhood. It is a precious gift in my life. ”

— Ellen, Holy Spirit Community