



**Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows (OSF)**

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The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows community observes the evangelical counsels of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The general aim of their congregation is the honor and glory of God through the sanctification of the sisters by a faithful observance of the public vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience according to the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and the constitution of their congregation. Their particular apostolate is evangelization with a spirit of missionary zeal and sacrifice. They carry out this purpose through their work in education, health care, parish ministry, retreats and social services.

Through the benevolence of Divine Providence, and with the assistance of the Franciscan Fathers and others, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows were able to open Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon, in 1953. It was no mere accident, but rather one of those fine threads in the web of the Divine Plan that brought to fruition another project of importance to the spiritual life in this area. And so, under the patronage of Our Lady of Peace, one of the most hopefully evoked titles of the Mother of the Prince of Peace, the Franciscan Missionary, sisters, together with the Franciscan Fathers, received the first group of retreatants on June 25th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Today, it remains a Franciscan sacred place, where visitors are welcome to pray and rest in Christ's love and joyful peace, then go and live the Gospel.