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First Sources of Inspiration

The Passionists were founded to proclaim
the Gospel of the Passion of Christ.

“I was called not to baptise but to proclaim
the gospel of the Passion of Jesus Christ”
1Cor 1:1

“Here we are proclaiming a crucified Christ, a
stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to
the Greeks.”
1Cor 1:17ff

St Paul of the Cross established the
Congregation in 1720 in Italy.

He said that:

**“The name of Jesus is written on the forehead of
the poor,” and that the Passion of Jesus is “the
greatest and the most overwhelming work of
God’s love.”**

Our special vow is to proclaim the Word of the
Cross in season and out of season and to
contemplate and recall devoutly the passion and
death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through this vow which is at once personal,
communitarian and apostolic we keep alive the
Memory of the Passion of Christ.

**“We are aware that the Passion of Christ
continues in this world until he comes in glory;**

***therefore we share in the joys and sorrows of
our contemporaries***

as we journey through life to our Father.

***We wish to share in the distress of all, especially
those who are poor and neglected;
we seek to offer them comfort and relieve the
burden of their sorrow.”***

(CP Constitutions No 3.)

“The Community of the Passion is a group of
women and men seriously passionate about the
poor and powerless. We recognize that the Cross
of Jesus is to be found wherever we meet
suffering humanity and the suffering Earth.
Together we live our lives in solidarity with the
Crucified Ones: their hopes and struggles are our
priority. The empowerment of the powerless is
our objective. Until that is achieved, we suffer
with them as we search for union with the
Crucified God.”

(Big Issue Advert 1990's)

Individually and as communities our response
takes a variety of forms as we reach out to, and
welcome, the “crucified ones” in our society.

We seek those locations that are “sites of
suffering” so as to reach out to a crucified Christ,
a crucified humanity, and a crucified earth.