



2009-2010 Cabrini Missioner Commitment Statements

Mary Meleski

I begin my ministry with CMC with an openness to the Spirit, trusting in God. I will remain open to the needs of others as well as my own, actively striving to be in 'right relationship' with all whom I encounter.

I want to embrace my community including Crystal, Michelle, and Sr. Dianne, as well as the other sisters. I will try to be honest, respectful and vulnerable in hopes of having an experience of great joy, growth, support, and challenge.

I will work toward simplicity in my life, removing all that creates distance between God and myself as well as with others in my relationships. I want read and feed on God's Word. I will seek God prayerfully in all things, searching for ways to grow and change so that I, too, may see myself as God's beloved.

If the question is, "May I have this dance?" my answer is, "Yes." I want to relax and follow the Leader. I am confident that God wants to use me. In accepting that I need to let go of what I know and take God's hand – take it with gratitude and dance with compassion.

I have a passion for the love and service of the Lord. He has awakened my heart. I will do the best I can to recognize that I am loved and share that love, even if it is not accepted. There is an infinite supply of love and I want my ministry to be to dispense it.

Crystal Catalan

I, Crystal Catalan, commit to Jesus, myself, and to the world that I will lovingly be open to and accept each individual as a child of God. Created in His image, I commit to upholding the dignity of each individual and encouraging my students in the classroom, to grow, learn from one another and discover new gifts within themselves. Inspired by the Cabrini charism, I respond to the call to bear the love of Christ and use my life and all I am, with the utmost zeal to spread the Gospel. To my community, I commit to being open, to support Gina, Mary, Michelle, and the Sisters, in times of joy, challenge and growth.

Guided by the Spirit, I will cling to Philippians 4:13 and reaching to my friends, family, and my support system, I commit to reminding myself of God's presence and the Spirit's work in my life. To have courage, allow the Lord to take delight and live joyously as a daughter of God, I will firmly accept and be grateful for who I am.

Michelle Sherman

Dear Creator: As Thomas Merton wrote, "I do not see the road ahead of me and I cannot know for certain where it will end." However, if there is one thing I do know, it is that you are with me on this road. This year, I again commit myself to your Sacred Heart in all that I am and all that I do. I will remain open to transformation and growth in my relationship with you, myself, and others. I will strive to let go of negative, hurtful, and self-destructive thoughts, remembering that "perfection is my enemy" and you created me with a uniqueness that should not be compared to the qualities of others. I hope to lead a more balanced life as a missioner this year. Help me to recognize all that keeps me from growing in relationship with you, so I may lead a lifestyle of authentic simplicity and spirituality. I promise to do my best to love without distinction or reserve. Through the lens of reverence for the individual, I pray that I will honor each student as your beloved and recognize and affirm the unlimited potential in each one. Since "justice is not equal treatment" (Cornelia Connelly), help me notice and address the needs of each young woman, especially when she cannot verbalize them herself. Thank you in advance for all of the challenges, opportunities, gifts, joys, and relationships that this next year will bring. Thank you for Mary, Crystal, and the sisters that will form my community. Thank you for trusting me with this mission, I pray that I may be able to trust you more. Disponibilita! Amen!