

# Sisters of Charity

## OF AUSTRALIA

### 26<sup>th</sup> General Chapter, 2008

An important focus of the Chapter was on the question,  
“Advance our Charism Where?”

#### Chapter members affirmed the following statement:

We women of Mary Aikenhead  
commit ourselves to remaining  
fearless, expansive, creative and generous  
in seeking out and responding to  
the poor of our time.

We affirm the unique giftedness of each Sister  
and the vast richness of our varied ministries  
with and for the poor.

We affirm  
the importance of our be-ing,  
the quality of our presence  
and the call to be women who are extensively useful  
for the sake of the Gospel.

#### We recommend:

- \* that we are robust in our advocacy for the poor and marginalized;
- \* that we explore ways to respond to the needs of indigenous Australians, the people of Timor Leste, and the other developing countries, refugees and asylum seekers, the homeless, the drug-affected, the mentally ill and prisoners, those in rural and remote Australia and the lonely and marginalized;
- \* that we explore new partnerships, develop our networks and communication and strengthen our interfaith communion;
- \* that we develop our companionship in faith especially with young adults;
- \* that we cherish our earth and green our Congregation; and
- \* that we commit of our wealth, material and human, to enable and empower.



*We are sisters...  
women of Mary Aikenhead...  
with the poor...  
and for the poor...  
together...  
in bold and joyful optimism...  
and faith-full love.*