

The present study *Reparation. Sources and Steps for Renewal* addresses an expression of the identity and mission of our religious family of the Sacred Hearts, reparation. Its content and its demands is in need of a more up-to-date re-reading.

The urgency to contribute to building bridges of reunion, to repairing wounded lives and histories has moved us to revisit this notion in its present meanings, in its biblical and historical spiritual foundations and as linked to our charismatic tradition.

We have also put this revisited category of reparation into dialogue with expressions of literature, film and the plastic arts that have given it a cultural depth.

In order to continue this reflection in the various contexts where the Congregation is present, we offer at the end some steps to renew understanding and practice related to reparation. These steps are only indications of a path to be traveled, with audacity and confidence, because there we will find Jesus who repairs us and associates us with his reparative action.

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