



*Our commitment can  
change the world:*

*Work for the dignity  
of women (II)*

Dear Sisters,

We have just celebrated the feast of Pentecost, and Pope Francis reminded us once again that with the arrival of the Holy Spirit fears and doubts disappear, to the point of making the disciples of Jesus capable of proclaiming the Risen One with the risk of arrests and persecutions. Those who *“once remained locked up in the Upper Room now go out to announce to all people”* Jesus is alive. And that sometimes it may seem to us that the Spirit is something abstract, but, on the contrary, *“he is the most specific person, the closest, who changes our lives”*.

In this issue of INFO, we continue to share what we do in different corners of the world to promote, raise up and accompany women who live marginalized, violated and treated without dignity; how many of them have had their lives changed by having learned to read in the Parish literacy group; or by having participated in a human promotion workshop where they learned their rights; or by having integrated themselves into a social project where they were able to work to increase the income of their families! And what about those women who were rescued from a mafia! And how life can be changed!

We know that all this is possible because the Spirit, silently and discreetly, leads history. And that where a person is liberated, lifted up, and encouraged, there is the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, at work. But we also know that He needs people to make His work happen. We know that He acts through those who accept His suggestions and allow themselves to be guided to carry out God's desires. For those who feel called interiorly and accept the challenges of giving time, service and life so that others can change theirs.

Last month we talked about those women who taught us, with their efforts and struggles, to live in a better way. Why not remember, now, those others who at some point let themselves be accompanied towards greater freedom, after having been submerged in a very deep hole? Why not think about that lady who lives so grateful to God because in the Christian community she managed to change the knife she always carried in her purse, for a cross she now carries on her chest? Or in that other one, sold by her father for prostitution when she was 14 years old, and who managed to escape thanks to brave people who silently fight against this modern slavery? How many women have we seen standing and walking upright after a process of healing, of human promotion, or of conversion! From them we learn that it is possible to change one's life, or, as Jesus tells Nicodemus, *to be born again*.

This is what our priority option points to. To seek with creativity and commitment, activities or proposals so that some women can be born again. Or, simply, to add ourselves to what others are doing because of it, and to become witnesses that the Kingdom of God is in our midst, because there are women who rise up, who free themselves, who break their chains... and proclaim it.

Affectionately,