



In the General Chapter of 2004 we felt it was imperative to deepen our understanding of the **mysticism of daring**:

- **the mysticism of the proclamation** to remain close to Mary at the foot of the Cross (Jn. 19:25) and to all who are crucified today, as women carried away under the impetus of that love and set alight by the divine flame (Writings, 2742). Though they knew that, as women, they might not be believed, (Lk. 24:10) the witnesses of Calvary became daring and courageous apostles in the proclamation of the Resurrection;
- **mysticism of patience** to live the difficulties of our personal and Congregational history and the history of our people like the woman of the Apocalypse, respecting the Hour in which we wait for a new life, and for new movements of the Spirit of God (Writings 464);
- **mysticism of forgiveness** to take the first step on the paths of reconciliation, overcoming the dualism and ambiguity of language, healing our memories, offering and accepting forgiveness for a renewed relationship within the cenacle and without, as a gesture that will transform the world;
- **mysticism of the hidden stone** to be like the anonymous women of the Gospel who mingle with the crowd, the women of our present history who protect and sustain life at all levels. To know how to decrease so that others may increase, knowing that the witness has been given
- **mysticism of compassion** to make common cause in the daily lives of our people, allowing ourselves to be touched by their wounds and to enter into their sufferings: my whole being trembles with compassion (Hos. 11:8) to the point of shattering schemes, denouncing violence and being willing to be condemned if it would help them (Rom. 9:3).

In the Chapter of 2010 we embraced the invitation of Pope Francis to cultivate the mysticism of encounter.