



4TH INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LAITY OF THE CHEVALIER FAMILY STATEMENT



The Laity of the Chevalier Family, inspired by Jules Chevalier's charism, live Spirituality of the Heart. It leads people to an encounter with the Heart of God and to move from this inner encounter to an outward embodied and lived mission. We are one in heart and yet diverse, and so with open hearts, we will participate in the healing of the world. We are like a bridge over troubled waters, connecting people and encouraging them to cross safely during these challenging times.

We commit to a 'greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share' (Laudato Si, 14). We recognise our interconnection with each other and Creation, and that our choices show where our heart lies. Care for Creation is at the centre of Spirituality of the Heart. We will advocate, educate, and celebrate actions that show our embodied love and care for our common home.

We will accompany with love, compassion, and empathy those people experiencing poverty, exclusion, or unjust treatment. We take the inclusive, welcoming example of Jesus as our guide on how to be one in heart with the suffering and oppressed. We draw inspiration from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, mother-disciple of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our model and companion. We accept the challenge of transforming our hearts to 'be on Earth the Heart of God'.



Bruce Woods

The painting is made up of a series of layered symbolic images. In the foreground is a stylised heart with a faint cross following the contours of the form. The heart floats above the centre of a white flower known as a sampagiuta in the Philippines. This image in turn floats above an opalescent dark background. The painting has been framed in a simple white floating box frame. The iconography of the work is related to the 4th International Assembly of the Laity of the Chevalier Family held in the Philippines from 22-29 January 2024. The Assembly theme is "One in Heart in Caring for Our Common Home".