

AIKIYA ANNAI PROVINCE



Vision Statement

We, Servite Friars of the *Aikiya Annai* Province, gathered in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and under the mantle of the *Aikiya Annai* (Mother of Unity) wish to be Christ's witnesses by living the Charisms of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary: Fraternity, Service and Devotion to the B.V. Mary. (Cf. OSM Con. 1)

- Inspired by the life of Seven Holy Founders, we are committed to extend our **fraternity** to the people of today who are divided by reason of age, nationality, race, religion, wealth and education. (Con. 74)
- Seeing in the *Aikiya Annai* a symbol of **unity** for all Christians, we promote unity among ourselves and among today's disciples of Jesus, just as the word "Aikiyam" suggests, by living with one heart and one mind.(Acts:4. 32)
- We serve together, promoting the same ideals among the people by choosing **to stand with the Sorrowful Mother** by those countless crosses where the son of Man is still being crucified.(Con. 319)
- Living the Servite characteristic of **compassion** (con.52) and drawing inspiration from the life of and devotion to St. Peregrine, we serve the least and the suffering inviting them to look at the crucified Christ as physician of souls and bodies.
- Like Christ who welcomed and blessed the little ones (Mk. 10. 13), we are close to the youth, instilling Christian values in their young minds through **education** in order to help them to discover and strive for their own vocation in life.
- Remembering the words of the son of man "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me", (Mt.25: 40) we attend to the needs of our neighbors, add our voice to the voiceless and **promote justice** through **Pastoral and Social Ministries**.
- Attentive to the words of the Master, "Let us go somewhere else-to the nearby villages-so I can preach there also." (Mk. 1: 38), we venture into **new mission-places** and embrace **challenging ministries**.

And we do all these with a spirit of unity and of detachment, making ourselves available to fulfill our calling and being ready to go wherever our service impels us. (Con. 3)