

Thoughts of Sister Isolina Ferré

Spirituality

- "The glory of God is man and woman in their fullness." (Saint Irenaeus)
- "Let us have faith in God and lift up our hearts with the confidence that, if we do our part, if we fight for justice for all our brothers, peace will shine for us in a world that we will forge with love."
- "He who puts all his trust in God possesses meekness, his goal is clear and his faith deep."
- "Light – Freedom – Light to illuminate the darkness, to guide the sailors, to clear the darkness; And freedom is for me (something very personal) – to be aware of my limitations and to be able to live happily knowing them – to live free of my selfishness, my trifles."
- "My heart is the center and Christ is the center of my heart."
- "My whole life has been nothing but a long search for God. Everywhere and at all times I have searched for his footprints or his presence. Death for me will be nothing but a wonderful encounter with the Creator."
- "We have set ourselves high goals, as high as the stars, filling each individual with light and spiritual riches, so that they may know freedom and fill their lives with hope."
- "The meek do not get irritated or rebel in the face of contradictions, their life is the fruit of living open to God and in his hands, which is the source of great strength and courage of spirit."
- "My surname and the social position of my family became a precious alabaster jar that I voluntarily broke to bring out the essence of my life, without name or surname, to anoint in praise the one who would be the owner of my life: Jesus."
- "Step by step, the star that was illuminating the way through my life, led me towards the realization of the call of my Lord, to serve Him through my brothers, the poorest."
- "I understood that my house was anywhere in the world where I was doing God's will."
- "These coincidences that I discover today are just that, mere coincidences that become extraordinary when I seek and find God in them."
- "I believe in the Providence of God that opens our spiritual eyes to the ordinary circumstances of daily life, to be able to see beyond the horizon."
- "Peace is a situation of mutual trust."
- "Peace is mutual trust between brothers."

- "The Almighty has a life plan for you and on every day. His mysterious Providence is weaving all this into a work of incomparable beauty." (Father Thomas A. Judge – Founder of the Missionary Servants of the Holy Trinity to Sister Isolina Ferré).
- "God's love makes everything easy." (Father Thomas A. Judge – Founder of the Missionary Servants of the Holy Trinity).
- "Love of neighbor is tested by patience in the vicissitude, by the works of mercy, spiritual and corporal." (Father Thomas A. Judge – Founder of the Missionary Servants of the Holy Trinity).

Service

- "Serving is our way of speaking."
- "We can all serve – even if it is with a smile that encourages the hope of the one who meets us."
- "My mind runs lighter than my feet. It's so much I want to do and sometimes my feet don't reach me, and neither does time."
- "Only when we love intensely can we serve fully."
- "Service is at our heart and is like a force that keeps us believing that the impossible can be possible."
- "It doesn't matter what you do, but the love with which you do it."
- "To the sound of joyful music and to the sound of the drum in my heart I thank God that He has allowed me to serve such a dignified and good people."
- "Haste is an injustice."
- "Time measures dedicated love."
- "I do, therefore I can."
- "Our work would be inconsequential if it didn't help humanize our society and redirect its values."
- "The faith, the struggle, the tenacity of those who serve and are served to get each one to feel their own value and make an effort and triumph is a true miracle."
- "To love means to serve, therefore, the most evident sign of our love for Jesus Christ is the desire to work for his cause." (Father Thomas A. Judge – Founder of the Missionary Servants of the Holy Trinity).
- "I said goodbye to that other world to which I had belonged until then, and I began with a great illusion, the new life where my Lord had asked me to accompany him to form me as a missionary of his cause."

- "Let's put our hope into action so that the expected development will continue and every man and woman may feel filled with the glory of God."
- "Our effort is not limited to vainly proclaiming a social holiness that is an empty echo of reality, but must penetrate our daily life so that every attitude of ours is the embodiment of our beliefs."
- "In the race of life what counts is not so much the speed, but the direction chosen."

Community Development

- "I'm from Ponce, but I want to be from La Playa. Your beach is my beach."
- "La Playa is a model of community that is re-educated, rediscovered and revitalized."
- "Our strategy is based on respect for human dignity. When you recognize the human potential of the individual – when you work and plan with him and not for him, give him participation and respect him, this potential leader is modernized."
- "One of our first goals: to unite the community so that together we can work to improve the situation, gain self-confidence and contribute to the integral development of every man and woman."
- "Man is educated and re-educated through action and his daily activity within his community."
- Vision: "Our institution transforms and revitalizes communities through education and empowerment, and turns their natural leaders into their great advocates."
- "I want to be Your instrument that helps Playeros find themselves and discover their value as human beings."
- "It is a miracle of love, a cry of faith, what man can do when he finds hands to help him in the development of his community."
- "Throughout my life I have learned to listen to people and from them I have derived a lot of knowledge and great satisfaction."
- "We are faced with the task of helping the people of the La Playa to help themselves to achieve a better life."
- "Something extraordinary happened at La Playa: a community came back to life and discovered in itself its own resources."
- "Participation in communal life and activity is an essential part of the realization of a person."

Human potential

- "We will be free if everyone says: I want to improve."
- "Our strategy is based on respect for human dignity. When the human potential of the individual is recognized, when you work and plan with him and not for him, you give him participation and respect him, this potential leader is modernized."
- "The development of the person depends on his will to self-improvement, faith and self-confidence."
- "We all have inner forces that only remain hidden until they find a chance to break free."
- "We have set ourselves high goals, as high as the stars, filling each individual with light and spiritual riches, so that they may know freedom and fill their goals with hope."
- "Our goal from the beginning was to make every man and woman better."
- "What we are experiencing today is the achievement of a youth that has tried to overcome itself to show that we can as a people that we can do beautiful things and that we do have traditions and a culture of which we are proud."
- "Where there is no vision, people perish. The Centers are part of that vision: a vision that not only prevents people from perishing; but, allows them to live lives with meaning and purpose: men and women in their fullness."
- "We do justice (in the Christian aspect) when we allow and give opportunity to our children for the development of their potential and the expression of their personality."
- "I believe that poverty is, very often, in each individual and that each one has to be filled with light and freedom to seek a solution."
- "All human beings have at least one essential characteristic in common: the longing, conscious or unconscious, to attain fulfillment in their lives."
- "We are confident that our work will continue because it is based on a fundamental principle: the glory of God is man and woman in their fullness."
- "Each individual has to commit himself as an integral being because if there is no commitment, there is no full development."
- "We became heirs to the social network in which we were born and socialized."

Solidarity

- "In the march for a better world, we are all supportive and responsible for the growth of our brother."
- "Blessed be God! And blessed are those who give their hand to their brothers so that their development may have hope."
- "United all, we will broaden our horizons, full of love, faith, hope and peace."
- "When we respect the dignity of people, it is that it begins to manifest in them the qualities that give life to human beings."
- "This is not over, because, although my mortal nature stops my feet and I physically disappear, there is a new generation that is infected with the same tingle as me, and that will not be able to stop either."
- "All together we form a family that is the family where we are all children of God, and brothers of each other in order to help each other."
- "From this respect for the dignity of others arises an affective love or affection, as a dynamic force in interpersonal relationships."
- "Mutual help between people who respect each other must be expressed through love and sharing responsibilities towards a common welfare."

Education

- "Education must be a constant process of dialogue between the young person and his tutor and what surrounds him, his perception of the world, of art, of life."
- "Violence is incapable of correcting violence."
- "In this program (the Mini University of Life or summer experience), young people have the opportunity to learn to think and to question through education, recreation and the minute of God."

Values

- "The values that have basic meanings for the lives of Puerto Ricans are Dignity, Respect and Affection."
- "The concept of values in me, it is deeply rooted, has its roots in the teaching of my home, in the model of my parents, in my Christian faith."
- "The family, being the natural framework of the individual, is the first source where values develop."