

**The amazing power of Mercy
Christ in prison and the challenge for our communities.**

When Jean-Joseph Lataste founded the Congregation of the Dominican sisters of Bethany in 1866 in France, he did this to make the amazing power Mercy visible, which allows the biggest sinner to become the greatest saint.

The Congregation welcomes women with and without prison past, and aside of living community live we are following our apostolic vocation in different apostolic work fields.

After getting to know the story of the Congregations beginning we are going to get an idea how the work of the sisters contributed to the struggle of answering the social question in the fields of rehabilitation of prisoners, the upcoming formation of social workers and child care, anti-trafficking and religious as well as intellectual women empowerment in the Netherlands, Germany and Latvia.

Thereby some challenges will be pointed out we had to face along the way, by which our apostolic and community live got shaped and transformed.

Finally there will be a short prospect of challenges we are facing today and possible ways the amazing power of Gods Mercy my want to lead us.