## Preparatory work of the ACI Family Work from the Regional Congregation

## What God wants us to see?

God wants us to see the world which is mixed with ruptures such as poverty, unemployment, human trafficking, exploitation of women, Sexual harassment etc. On the other hand, we also see the signs of hope that is service with compassion, union, positive approach to the different situation, dialogue etc. We see the world with its shadows and lights (Shadows-poverty, human trafficking, unemployment, unborn, elderly, illiteracy, drugs, unemployment, sickness etc;Lights -compassion, positive approach, reaching out to the needy etc). God wants us to see the present reality of the world, which is affected by covid-19.

## What is God Saying to us?

Life exists where there is bonding, communion, and fraternity. Love also impulses us towards universal communion. We as ACI family Lay Collaborators of Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, called to transcend our own limitations in order to reconcile with oneself, family, with in the ACI group, and the society. We are send forth to build bridges, to break down walls in order to sow the seeds of reconciliation among the tribals, poor, migrants, unemployed and elderly. God encourages us to face this reality with our spiritual strength, to be the Good Samaritan and to become the signs of Hope. God is asking us to respect the human dignity, encourage dialogue and to be the instruments of reconciliation, peace and Justice. We feel the call to change our mind set by looking at all situations in a positive approach, which will enable us to reach out to the needy in service with compassion and to build the bridges of humanity.

## What lights does FT bring to our Lay vocation and apostolic action?

The world exists for every one because all of us were born with the same dignity therefore we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with the dignity - 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam' according to Indian approach (which resonates with the desire of St. Raphaela – "I am in this World as in a great temple"). It invites us to be the voce for the voiceless and discriminated (Tribals, Poor, and Migrants), as in today's world people find it hard to acknowledge the persons with equal dignity. It gives meaning to our commitment by