

PRECIOUS BLOOD FOUNDERS HYMN COLLECTION

Francis Pfanner

Founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood

(Revised)

Born of a Catholic farming family in Voralberg, Austria, Wendolin Pfanner in his youth offered himself to God as a priest. Respected as a pastor, he was also a popular spiritual director and confessor. Frail health prompted him at the age of thirty-eight to join the Trappists and spend the remainder of his life in prayer, work, and penance.

However, knowing the missionary fervor of his heart, God called him again to active service as a monk and missionary. At a General Chapter of the Trappists in 1879, a missionary bishop from South Africa asked for monks for his region. Fr. Francis answered this call with readiness: "If no one goes, I'll go!"

After establishing a large Trappist monastery in Bosnia, he arrived in South Africa in 1882 with 30 Trappist monks to establish a monastery among the Zulu people. He dedicated it to Mary and her mother, St. Anne, and called it Mariannahill. The monks began to establish mission schools, hospitals and churches.

To help him in the work of evangelization and for mission work among the Zulu women and children, he invited young European women to assist him. In 1885 the first "Red Sisters" arrived. This was the beginning of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. Red is the color of joy among the Zulu, and joy is what the Missionary Sisters brought to the people.

Today the Sisters continue their mission apostolate in South Africa, Transkei, East Africa, Zaire, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, Europe, the United States, Canada and Korea.

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O Francis Pfanner!

Hymn for Congregation and Keyboard

In Honor of the Founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood

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Text based on the words of Francis Pfanner

Music by

Text Adaptation by RCV

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Introduction:

Moderately (♩ = c. 92-100)

ALL 

VERSES: 1, 4. O Fran - cis Pfan - ner, _____ you once spoke
 2. God's bound - less mer - cy _____ makes for all
 3. Now try to do well _____ God's ho - ly

ALL 

1, 4. out: _____ If no one dares to go, _____ then I will go! _____
 2. things, _____ but not with - out our help _____ and will to serve. _____
 3. will, _____ in all your work and pain, _____ in all you bear. _____

ALL 

_____ 1, 4. O Fran - cis Pfan - ner, _____ you told us once: _____
 _____ 2. Each good and true grace, _____ and each good thought, _____
 _____ 3. If God does not grant _____ what you have asked, _____

ALL 

_____ 1, 4. The flame of your true zeal, _____ just let it soar! _____ 4. soar! _____
 _____ 2. each ho - ly hope of heart, _____ all comes from God!
 _____ 3. it is be - cause he has _____ some thing more grand!

ALL 

CHORUS: Rec - ognize love, and serve the One who loves us so, he died for us

ALL 

all! Honored is God by unbound - ed trust. All need to know who loves them so!