

PRECIOUS BLOOD FOUNDERS HYMN COLLECTION

# O Francis Pfanner!

Hymn for Congregation and Keyboard

(Revised)

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

Text based on the words of Francis Pfanner  
Text Adaptation and Music by  
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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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Introduction:

Moderately (♩ = c. 92-100)

ALL

KEYBOARD

ALL

**VERSE 1:** O Fran - cis Pfan - ner, you once spoke

**VERSE 2:** God's bound - less mer - cy, makes for all

**VERSE 3:** Now try to do well God's ho - ly

KYBD.

ALL

**VERSE 1, 4:** out: If no one dares to go, then I will go!

**VERSE 2:** things, but not with - out our help and will to serve.

**VERSE 3:** will, in all your work and pain, in all you bear.

KYBD.

O Francis Pfanner! - 2

ALL

13

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,

KYBD.

ALL

17

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

KYBD.

ALL

20

1-3: to CHORUS | 4. Last time only | 1-3 (continued)

1. soar! | 4. soar!  
2. God!  
3. grand!

CHORUS: Rec-og-nize

KYBD.

20

1-3: to CHORUS | 4. Last time only | 1-3 (continued)

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O Francis Pfanner! - 3

ALL <sup>25</sup> love, and serve the One who loves us so, he died for us all! Hon-ored is

KYBD. <sup>25</sup>

ALL <sup>29</sup> God by un-bound-ed trust. All need to know who loves them so! \_\_\_\_\_ to VERSES

KYBD. <sup>29</sup>