

# The Legacy of Janet Erskine Stuart



In the name of our God who shares divinity with us.  
In the name of our God who shares humanity with us.  
In the name of our God who unsettles and inspires.

In the Words of Mother Stuart...

Voice 1

We teach by what we are. If we are well penetrated by the thought and ideal we wish to form in our students, it will come out unconsciously in our work.

**All: As Educators of the Sacred Heart, we commit ourselves to be transformed.**

Pause - Silence

Voice 2

Those who have to educate students to something higher must themselves have an idea of what they want, they must believe in the possibility of every mind and character to be lifted to something better than it has already attained; they must believe and care deeply for the things they teach. For no one can be educated by maxim and precept; it is the life lived and the things loved and the ideals believed in by which we tell one upon the other.

**All: As Educators of the Sacred Heart, we commit ourselves to dream.**

Pause - Silence

Voice 3

And we must remember that each one of the children is destined for a mission in life. Neither we nor they can know now what it is, but we must know and make them believe that each one has a mission in life and that she or he is bound to find out what it is, that there is some special work for God which will remain undone unless they do it.

**All: As Educators of the Sacred Heart, we commit ourselves to inspire.**

Pause - Silence

Voice 4

Our work is eminently a work of faith, in the natural order, the sowing of the seed is the best type. We have to begin by parting with something very precious, the seed and putting it beyond our power, leaving it to the action of sun and frost and rain... Those who have experienced sowing never despair of the harvest, they are not frightened by bad weather... If they have sown good seed it will come up.

**All: As Educators of the Sacred Heart, we commit ourselves to love.**

Pause - Silence

Closing Prayer

Hidden God,  
whose wisdom compels our love,  
and unsettles all our values;  
fill us with desire to search for your truth  
that we may transform the world. Amen.