

# FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY

## THE MASTER WEAVER

A reflection offered by Gloria Carpinello during the EPC 2004 as a way to enter more deeply into the meaning of each one's part in co-responsibility.

The Master Weaver is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Loom is the spirituality of Mary of the Passion.

Our Institute's search for Truth by collaborating, connecting and confirming our Mission in the world today can be illustrated by the process of weaving a fabric for this century.

The pre-general chapter preparations by each sister, community and province gave the General Chapter members the various threads of life and mission.

The Chapter members sorted the threads, various thicknesses, and thinness and dyed them to produce the overall design or master plan.

The design was brought back to each provincial chapter where all of the chapter members set up the various dyed threads on the Loom following the design from the General Chapter.

The Enlarged Provincial Council members reflected, prayed and studied the design anew. They prayed for each member of the province to be ready and faithful in following the design of the Master Weaver. They prayed for the General Council and the Provincial Council to be of service to all our sisters in the Institute.

Each community in the province has the awesome task of working the shuttles in the loom to co-create the Master Weaver's Design for the reality in which they live and mission. Working together is essential for the weave of the fabric to be in good tension and produce a flawless pattern and a sturdy fabric.

This process can be visualized as an unending spiral (search for truth), full of energy which continuously renews and enriches our FMM lives and commitment.

