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As you scroll down this page it might be worthwhile to think how much the Passionist Congregation has expanded its boundaries of community and ministry since the death of its founder St. Paul of the Cross in 1775.

Each of us has our own unique vision of the world. While some embrace wide cultural diversity, others of us wish to concentrate on local realities. I suggest this is what makes learning more about Passionist spirituality so welcoming. Each one of us can mature in our own understanding of Jesus suffering on the cross as a gift. We are able to nourish this in a multitude of way, first to instill our own self-respect and then, as much as possible, share it in a compassionate way with others.

In 2020, Passionists and those associated with spirituality related to the founder are pondering how we are connected. We have gained respect for our diverse languages, cultural approaches to spirituality, leadership, appreciation of the environment and civil relationships.

Where do you live? Are Passionists located near you?

What surprises you about where Passionists minister today?

Did you know that all these Passionist locations have a common history that can be traced back to Sts. John and Paul monastery and St. Paul of the Cross in Rome, Italy?

This growth has had a fascinating history. There have been real struggles when the Passionists and others identified with suffering peoples of the world. At other moments the message of the Jesus on the cross has brought healing to those who have visited Passionist monasteries or met someone affiliated with the Passionists in out of the way locations.

So ponder where Passionists and those who embrace the message of St. Paul of Cross are alive today. Are you surprised?

INTERNATIONAL PASSIONIST MINISTRIES

Africa

- **Botswana**
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- **Kenya**
- **Mozambique**
- **Nigeria**
- **South Africa**
- **Tanzania** □ **Zambia**

Europe

- **Angola**
- **Austria**
- **Belgium**
- **Bulgaria**
- **Czech Republic**
- **England**
- **France**
- **Germany**
- **Ireland**
- **Italy**
- **Netherlands**
- **Poland**
- **Portugal**
- **Scotland**
- **Spain**
- **Sweden**

- **Ukraine □ Wales**

Holy Land

- **Palestine/Israel**

North America, Central America, Caribbean

- **Canada**
- **Cuba**
- **Dominican Republic**
- **El Salvador**
- **Guatemala**
- **Haiti**
- **Honduras**
- **Jamaica**
- **Mexico**
- **Panama**
- **Puerto Rico**
- **United States**

Asia, Pacific

- **Australia**
- **China**
- **India**
- **Indonesia**
- **Japan**
- **Myanmar**
- **New Zealand**
- **Papua New Guinea**

- **Philippines**
- **South Korea □ Vietnam**

South America

- **Argentina**
- **Bolivia**
- **Brazil**
- **Chile**
- **Colombia**
- **Ecuador**
- **Peru**
- **Uruguay**
- **Venezuela**

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