

“Why don’t I have a hundred arms to aid these poor ones calling for help?”

-St. Camillus de Lellis



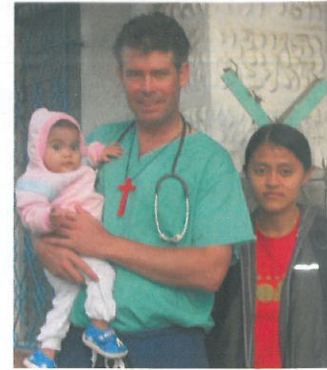
We are the original Red Cross

The first **Red Crosses** on the battlefield were worn not by members of a well-known relief agency, but by the brothers and priests of the Roman Catholic **Order of St. Camillus**. Camillians identify themselves with a simple **Red Cross** across their habits, a symbol universally recognized today as the sign of charity and service. This was the original **Red Cross**, hard at work during battle, famine, epidemics, and disease, hundreds of years before the International **Red Cross** organization was formed. The man who later would start what is now the International **Red Cross**, was present during a battle of the Crimean War in the 1800s and saw the Camillian brothers and priests on that battlefield wearing their **Red Crosses**. Today, the International **Red Cross** still uses this symbol, first used by St. Camillus.

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The Order of St. Camillus was established more than 400 years ago by St. Camillus de Lellis so Christ’s mission for the sick, especially the most needy, be continued on this earth. The Order realizes this work through a variety of services and ministries, based on a holistic approach to the human person.



The Order’s vision is that its religious and facilities be an example of the Christian community announcing salvation, offering full health to all, while at the same time incarnating in the given reality the culture of the Good Samaritan. Operating in a specific locality and acting in the name of the Church, of which it is a living part, the Order seeks to respond to needs, while at the same time promoting the dignity of the human person and thus contributing to the building of the Kingdom of God.

In order to exercise our ministry fruitfully, we live the spirit of the common life, directed towards charity. We strive to understand ever more intimately the mystery of Christ and to cultivate a personal friendship of God, so that we are known to be ministers of Christ’s love towards the sick.

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Preach the Gospel



Heal the Sick

**"More heart in those hands
brothers."** -St. Camillus de Lellis



- Serving the sick as a **physician, nurse, chaplain, technician, social worker, therapist, administrator, or other allied health care professional** is challenging, rewarding and vitally important work.
- For some men, this work is a **VOCATION** - a call to fulfill themselves by serving the sick as a member of a religious community.
- For these men, **this common mission is an opportunity to serve the sick** while growing personally and spiritually as they transcend immediate material needs and find meaning in their lives by making a difference.

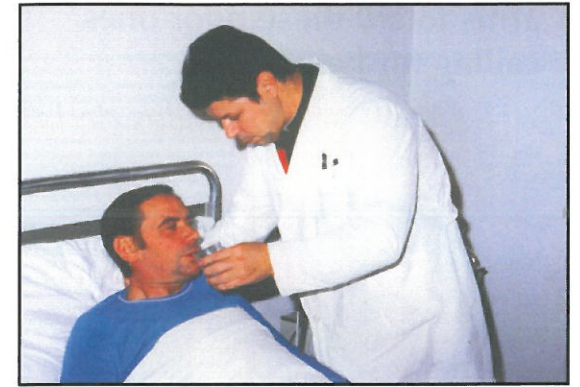
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The Order of St. Camillus is a world-wide order of Roman Catholic men who serve the sick in traditional and diversely new ways as brothers and priests. Joyfully accepting the difficult challenge of witnessing to the merciful love of Christ for more than 400 years, they continue to follow in the footsteps of their founder who said that "the poor and the sick are the heart of God."



More about St. Camillus

He skipped school. Gambled. Fought. Swore in all dialects of the Italian language. Born to lose? Far from it. Born to serve his brothers and sisters through his later dedication to the sick and the dying. Camillus de Lellis was canonized in 1746 and later declared patron saint of the sick, nurses and of hospitals and hospital personnel. Camillus inspires because of his undeniably human nature. A delayed vocation, he did not hear the calling to serve the sick until well into his 20s. And until that point, he lived a decidedly worldly existence.



The Order of St. Camillus has an action-filled international apostolate with more than 1000 brothers and priests in more than 35 countries; it is a demanding call to action on some of the most dangerous, impoverished fronts of society. But Camillians know the special rewards of an incarnate spirituality: they see God in the people they serve. As Camillus himself said: "The poor and the sick are the heart of God. In serving them, we serve Jesus the Christ."



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