

# BIRTHING A NEW VISION

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The  
Empowerment  
of Women  
Religious  
in India



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**“Last century the church lost the workers. This century it is going to lose women, unless something is done soon. It was in this context I first started some sort of an Institute, from where I hoped a movement for women could originate. After a long period of trial, error and failure ultimately were able to establish what is today called Streevani in Pune”**

**late Rev. Fr. Engelbert Zeitler SVD**

**on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1984**

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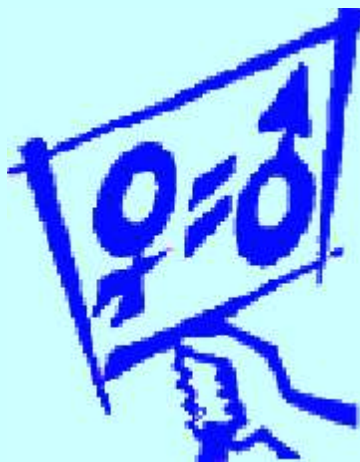
## VISION

The integral liberation of women in view of restoring her dignity as a person and as an equal partner with man within the framework of the Indian society.

Formation of a world wide community awakening to the possibilities of women's contribution to all aspects of development and liberation.

## OBJECTIVES

- Exploring women's experiences particularly in the context of their struggle for humanhood.
- Awakening Women Religious towards the path of empowerment.
- Networking and collaborating with like-minded organizations.
- Empowering and organizing women domestic workers.
- Legal assistance and intervention in the court of law for women in crisis, through Legal Cell.



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