

**"I am ready to do all for the love of Jesus Christ my Redeemer"**

**--Mother Mary Lange--**

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*There were other sayings of Mother Lange besides those published in Timeless Wisdom: Mother Lange said... (Edited by Fish & Durkin, Editions du Signe, publishers; France.) This saying of Mother Lange was the response from the Oblate Book of Ceremonies used by the Sisters from 1828 – 1830.*

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Responding to the question put to her by the Reverend Director: "Are you disposed to sacrifice yourself especially in teaching the children according to the end of this institute?" The response of Mother Mary Lange and all Oblate Sisters who have followed her was and is **"I am ready to do all for the love of Jesus Christ my Redeemer!"**

Mother Mary said these words July 2, 1829 for the first time. They were preliminary to making the commitment of poverty, chastity and obedience. To Mother Lange it was the fulfillment of a lifelong desire. She, a black woman, could aspire to religious consecration. It was unheard of in the Catholic Church until that memorable day. She, with three other women, consecrated themselves to the Christian education of children [of color]. This was something that must have had deep personal meaning to one who had held this desire for more than ten years. It was a triumph of the human spirit's ability to endure and to hope. It was the triumph of the Holy Spirit who "makes a way out of no way."

After the example of Mother Mary Lange, we knock, we seek, we trust. Meanwhile we act. We do good and leave the results in the hands of providence. "It is no secret what God can do."