

Dear Catharina Halkes Fonds,

I am Mayara Agar de Araujo Silva and I would like to thank you for all support and for funding my participation to the Bridging Gaps program in Amsterdam. With a look at Luke 1: 39-45, which relates Mary's encounter with Elizabeth when both are pregnant, I proposed to analyze the aspects of sorority, and how through sorority Mary could continue her life journey in order to be the mother of Jesus. Relating this text to my experience in the area of caring for pregnant women within the physiotherapist, and to my own social context, this text brings us an invitation, to approach a Mary like us, who fought against victimization, who fought for her survival and that of her son, still a teenager, but full of courage, zeal and care, she encounters another woman hoping to receive support, acceptance, solidarity and encouragement, and in this meeting much more than that happened, the presence of God was manifested there was salvation. From the perspective of Latin American Feminist Theology, the experience of sorority is liberating and strengthens, the actions of women in different areas of life, empowering women to love herself and love other women in the walk and in defense of life, and for this research aimed to encourage women and everyone to experience sorority in their lives, in communities and churches, but especially to extend this experience in our society, with actions to promote, protective and valued life.

With all best wishes

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