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## **Xaverian Missionary Sisters**

**M**ay the blood that was shed become the seed of hope to build true fraternity among peoples.” These are the words of Pope Francis, upon receiving the news that 3 Xaverian Missionary sisters (all Italian nationals) were killed in their convent in Kamenge, a suburb of Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. The savage deed (rape and beheading), thought to be committed by a mentally unbalanced person, leaves everyone horrified and united in prayer with the local population, visibly shaken by the atrocity committed against religious who, with great generosity and self-renunciation, had been working for years among them.

The Daughters of St. Paul want to express their closeness to the Xaverian Sisters in this time of profound grieving, asking the God of life to grant eternal rest to the sisters killed and to enlighten the person who committed this heinous crime.