



SR. STANISLAUS KENNEDY

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, or Sister Stan as she is affectionately known, was born Teresa Kennedy, in County Kerry, Ireland. From an early age, Sister Stan was aware of the poorest and most marginalized in society. At 18 years of age she made the decision to become a nun and joined the Religious Sisters of Charity order.

For almost fifty years Sister Stan has pioneered, campaigned, explored and developed a range of inspiring social innovations to benefit thousands of people who have experienced exclusion. She helped establish Kilkenny Social Services in the 1960s. In the 1970s, she was a founder member of the National Federation of Youth Clubs and of CARE, and the School of Education in Kilkenny. In the 1980s she founded and is still Life President of Focus Ireland. In the 1990s, Sister Stan founded *The Sanctuary*. In 2001, she founded and is non-executive director of the Immigrant Council of Ireland and Young Social Innovators. She is on the Board of the Community Foundation for Ireland. She is also a writer and some of her books include; *Now is the time: A Bundle of Blessings: Gardening the Soul*; and *Seasons of the Day* and most recently *Stillness through my prayers* and an expanded edition of *Now is the time*.

Sr Stanislaus has received numerous awards and tributes for her outstanding work for the marginalized in society, including Kerry Person of the Year, the Lord Mayor of Dublin's Award, Humanitarian of the Year and two honorary doctorates.