STATEMENT OF VISION OF THE GRAIL
(from IGA 1979, Official Documents, p. 2)

The Grail is an international movement of women rooted in Christian faith. Conscious of our identity and aware of our potential, we feel urged by the Spirit and challenged by the life of Christ and the radical call of the Gospel to participate in the transformation of the world.

From the realities of our daily lives we are ever more aware of the relations of domination and submission which are embedded in our social, political and economic institutions.

Our experiences of the violations of the dignity of persons, cultures and nations lead us:

- to challenge particularly the system of production for the profit of the few which does not meet basic needs;
- to a developing consciousness of the oppression of women which takes different forms in different cultures and classes.

Enabling the bonding of women nationally and internationally and blending our different talents and life choices, we commit ourselves to a process of critical action/reflection with those suffering from these injustices.

We recognize that the transformation of society goes beyond change in social structures and the God is working through struggles for liberation 'to make all things new' (Rev.21).

In its life and work, the Grail strives for the integration of:
living faith,
full potential of women,
work for transformation,
to build a universal society of justice, peace and love.

As the IGA of the Grail, gathered in Portugal, 22 July – 6 August 1979, we affirm this vision and its continuity with the Grail guidelines of 1967 and the affirmation of 1971 and 1974.