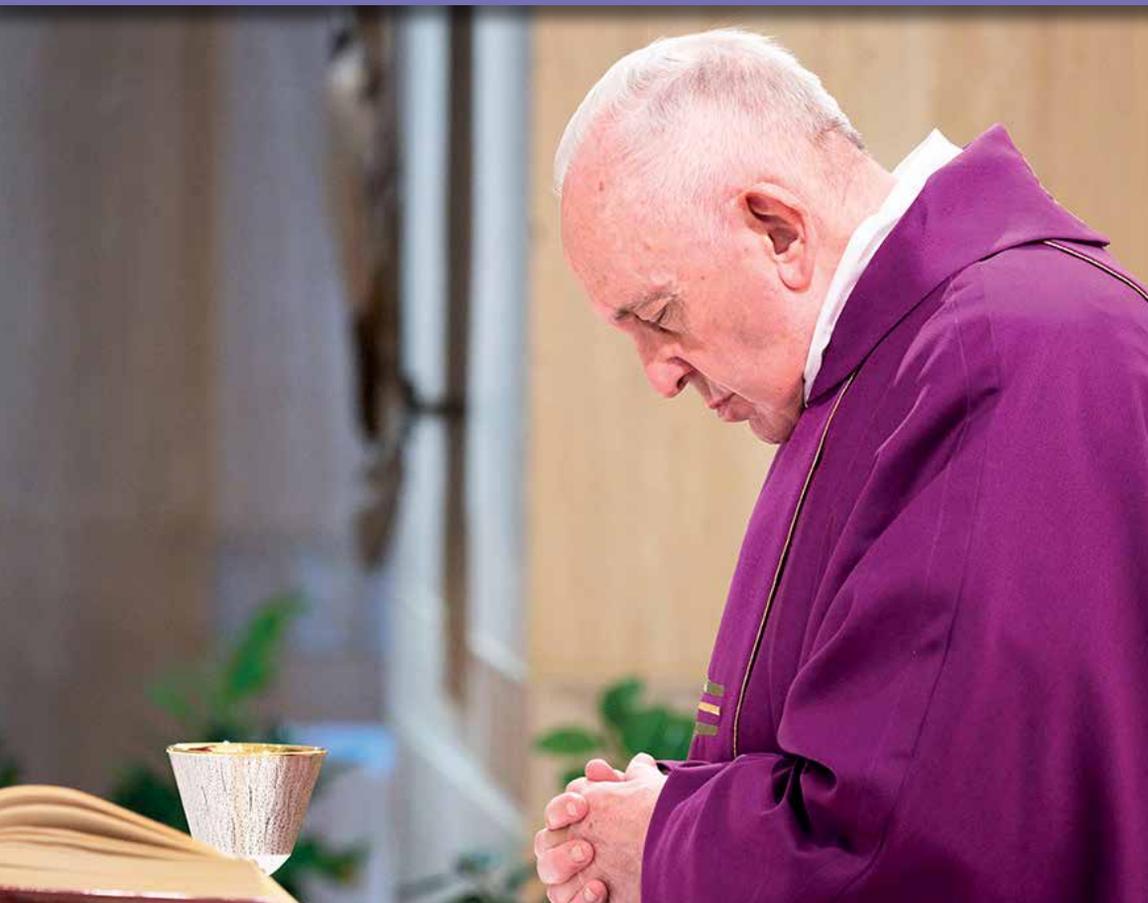


Opus Christi  Salvatoris Mundi
Missionary Servants of the Poor



...our world today needs weeping. The marginalized weep, those who are neglected weep, the scorned weep, but those of us who have relatively comfortable life, we don't know how to weep.

Pope Francis, Santo Tomás University, Manila, January 17, 2015

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Important Notice

Don’t ever tire of praying for priests, especially in these times in which it seems that all the powers of evil have descended on the earth, preying particularly upon the sacred ministers of the Lord.

Pray that they remain faithful, that they be holy, that they be, in short, nothing more (and nothing less) than what they ought to be:

Alter Christus.

Accompany the Priests and Deacons of the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World with your prayers!

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Repent and believe in the Gospel

(Mark 1:15)

Fr. Giovanni Salerno, msp

Dear Friends,

I wish you each good health and all the blessings of the Holy Spirit. During my long silence I've never ceased begging God's pardon for all my faults and for those of all humanity, that truly in this holy Lent the Lord may have mercy on us all. I see this pandemic as a gift of God that shows everyone in the world His divine power and, at the same time, His loving fatherly patience with each of us. May this pandemic make all of us convert to Him, Who has created us to be finally glorious with Him in our heavenly homeland.

It is sad to see how few people believe that Jesus is the only Savior. So, with the liturgy, I pray: "Pardon, Lord! Pardon your people!" (*Parce, Domine. Parce populo tuo.*) On hearing of the death of so many parents who left so many children orphaned, many people asked me what we are doing for save all these orphaned

and abandoned children as well as helping all the young people who abandoned their studies because they didn't have access to a computer or the internet. I've answered that, since the beginning of the pandemic, our priests, brothers, sisters, and married missionaries have been putting their lives on the line to bring food, medicine, clothing, etc. to the homes of poor families to alleviate their situation made worse by the pandemic.

At the same time, our priests and sisters have continued their missions to the High Cordillera of the Andes, more than 13,000 feet above sea level, assisting these distant villages bringing them material and spiritual aide with the Word of God and the sacraments. Because for these people who frequently don't have anything to eat, the food of the Holy Eucharist is also very important because it fills them with happiness when they receive it.

This we are able to do thanks to the donations you send us and which are quickly converted into food, clothing, medicine, etc. In this way you have helped and continue to help all our children, not only in our centers, but also in our missions in the mountains.

It is a great grace of God for us to be not only in Peru but also in Mexico and Cuba and to be able to help the most needy. By helping the poor, you help Jesus Who suffers in all these children, young people, and families. Thanks to your help, we assist more than a thousand children, most of them in our two schools (one for boys and one for girls) where their education is completely free. There are no charges for anything and our students also receive free school supplies, uniforms, transportation, etc.

Even more, frequently our students, in the math or speech competitions, have taken the first places. This is a real miracle considering the fact that the majority of our students in Cuzco come from very poor families, frequently broken, and with very few resources. Our concern, as with the whole Church, is that of forming young holy laypeople who will be able to form deeply Christian families according to the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The Lord encourages us in all this by sending us new young people who want to get to know our way of serving the poor and of pursuing a vocation. In fact, during this pandemic, young men from Mexico, France, and Colombia have come to join us in Cuzco.



These feet show the hardness of the Andean roads of Peru where the poor people walk daily.



Sick children who live in our Saint Teresa of Jesus Home cared for by the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters in Cuzco, Peru.

We are currently awaiting more young men and missionary families. Our concern is to follow Jesus Who from the beginning of the foundation of the Missionary Servants of the Poor has slowly opened ways for us even among great difficulties. We have continued to follow Him and He has never disappointed us. During His earthly life Jesus walked slowly, without hurry, from village to village, to convert and save souls and to heal the sick.

During this pandemic we have been moved by several people who feel like pilgrims on earth and intend to reach Heaven by helping the most needy. An

elderly lady who receives a very small retirement pension, wrote to me saying that each day she only eats a sandwich and a glass of milk and puts the cost of that meal (2.5 Euros) in a piggy bank for our children in Peru having in mind what Jesus said, “All that you do for one of the least of my brethren you do for me” (cf. Mt 25:40).

I was moved by Marcelino, a 95-year-old from Lima, who told me that until he was 80 years old he attended Mass every day and loved to visit the various shrines of the Virgin Mary in different countries like Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje, and the Holy Land.

This elderly man, who had given away his inheritance to his children, all of them comfortably well off, told me that, at 80 years old, on visiting our little orphanage in Cuzco, had realized that he had to help at least this center where we currently have 36 sick patients. These are not only children but also adults of 25-30 years old who have been with us since they were babies who suffer from some form of illness like cerebral palsy, microencephaly, and other incurable conditions and need round-the-clock care.

Marcelino begged pardon from the Lord for the wasted time and for sixteen years has sent us monthly donations of two 50-kilo sacks each of rice, sugar, and flour thanks to the rent he receives from renting his workshop. He just

called me to tell me that he would like to live another fifteen years so that he can continue helping our children and so make reparation for the good he hadn't done previously. The greatest sin that few confess is of the good that they could have done and didn't do.

A gentleman in Milan who only knew us through our newsletter left us his little apartment when he died with this message, "I leave my house to these children because I am sure that in Heaven I will find a larger and more beautiful house." I believe that only thinking about Heaven can we kneel before the crucifix and ask for forgiveness for forgetting all those who suffer the most right now.



Face of a poor peasant in the Andes mountains of Peru who, despite his hard life, has recourse to God with a firm hope that better days will come.



Children of the Peruvian Andes showing their happiness at having received blankets sent by our benefactors so they can protect themselves from the cold.

May this Holy Lent truly free us not only from the mask that covers our mouth and nose, but also from the invisible blindfold that covers our eyes so that we may be able to see the suffering of the poor and help them with a great and indomitable heart, a heart tormented by the glory of Jesus Christ and pierced by His love with a wound that will only be healed in Heaven.

May the Lord Jesus, at the end of this Lent, find all men repentant and converted and He living and present in the world and in the hearts of each one of us.

May you all continue your Lent well and conclude it with a happy celebration of the Resurrection.

Always grateful,
Father Giovanni Salerno, msp

MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE POOR



Have you asked yourself if God is calling you to be a **Missionary** among the **most needy**?



(For more information, fill out the form on page 21)

Missionary sisters servants of the poor



*“I thank you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden
these things from the wise
and understanding and re-
vealed them to the simple.”*

(Mt 11:25)

Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters

Matthew, in his Gospel, exhorts us to become small and to recognize that we are nothing without the grace of God. He invites us to live the virtue of humility. The Lord says, “Learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart” (Mt 11:29). Gentleness and humility define Jesus and should also define us who follow Him rejecting pride which is the opposite of humility.

God didn’t create hell which is the freely chosen state of complete rupture and final and total estrangement from God. The angels that rebelled against God in Heaven by their pride created it. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. So

we should pray and work for this beautiful virtue of humility.

Jesus says, “He who wants to follow me must renounce himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24). Jesus clearly doesn’t force anyone but invites him instead. “If you want, follow me.”

Sometimes the cross causes us a lot of discomfort, fatigue, and tiredness. It can be an illness, a family problem, troubles at work, etc. Different crosses await each one of us but each cross is made to our size. Jesus says, “Come to me all you who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28).

The Lord is so sensitive that he relieves and comforts us in our sufferings. We experience this at the foot of the tabernacle before Jesus in the Eucharist, in the sacrament of pardon for sins where we can unburden our heart, and in the Word of God which is a Living Word.

God wants to restore our strength but, for that, we must approach him with humility. The humble always turns to God. To be humble is to make oneself small, it is to serve like Christ, “The Son of man...did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life” (Mt 20:28). He lowered Himself at the Incarnation

becoming a helpless child, even dying on the Cross. And He continues to lower Himself every day in the Holy Eucharist giving Himself to us as food. He comes down to the humble because they please God and others. Here is the thanksgiving of Jesus to the Father, “I thank you, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to the simple” (Mt 11:25).

The three little shepherds of Fatima, three children who didn't know how to pray the rosary well, repeating simply the first words “Ave Maria, Ave Maria...”



The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor bringing joy and hope to the poor people who live more than 13,000 feet above sea level in the villages of the Andes mountains.



Despite the difficulties that the MSP Sisters encounter on the roads, they never cease bringing the joy of the Word of God to the poor people of the Andean Cordillera in Cuzco, Peru.

...” But God revealed to them the great secrets we now know. The Virgin, in her apparitions to the children, asked them each as they made a sacrifice to say, “O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

Pride is the cancer of the spiritual life and, if it's not cured, it spreads and the soul becomes sick. For this reason our founder, Father Giovanni Salerno, always instills in us this humility so we will become like Jesus. Because if we are proud and seek our own honor, we can turn people off to God.

Our Holy Father Francis invites us to become small and simple, recognizing that we are nothing without the grace of God. God calls you and me, not because we are able to take on great responsibilities or because we are intelligent, but through pure mercy.

When God calls you, open your heart and listen to His call because there are many poor people who await your response.

Let's listen to what Father Felipe (the first spiritual director of the Servants of the Poor House of Formation) taught: “He is not humble who humbles himself, but he who accepts being humbled.”

GOD AWAITS YOU IN THE POOR.

CHRONICLE

Mission of the Sisters at the Mother House in Cuzco

The Sisters, with the blessing of God, continue to visit the different village of the Andean mountains organizing catechesis, prayer, games and contests to prepare villagers for the reception of the sacraments. We pray God for the grace for the Sisters to continue being docile instruments in His divine hands and to be able to continue bringing His Word to the most distant villages “beyond the asphalt” as our founder Fr. Giovanni likes to say.

The Sisters also had the joy of taking new girls into the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home. Many of them on arriving cry a lot but a few hours later they realize that here they have a new family that will care for them with much love. Then they begin to smile and babble some words. Join us in thanking God for confiding these girls to us and in asking him to enlighten us to know how to form them according to His plan.



Orphaned and abandoned children from the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home who are cared for by the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters in Cuzco, Peru



Saint Maria Goretti School

We made appointments with the parents of our new students and visited their homes to interview them and see the situation in their homes to find out what their needs are.

Some of our students had difficulties in completing their schoolwork. We made appointments with the parents to speak with them about the situation

of their daughters with the intention of supporting them academically, psychologically, and morally.

During the pandemic the school continued to assist the parents with monthly distribution of food to alleviate the needs of those afflicted during these difficult times.

Sisters' Mission in Cusibamba



The MSP Sisters at the mission in Cusibamba continue teaching catechism to the girls in their charge.

During the past months in the missions of Cusibamba, Tотора, and Huayllay, the Sisters began visiting families again and preparing them for the sacraments. They prepared many young people to receive Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

During vacation, the girls living at the Blessed Imelda Student Residence accompanied the Sisters on visits to the families in the missions they take care of.

The Sisters organized workshops on baking, bread making, knitting and sewing so that the girls could explore their talents.

In the coming months they will carry out a training course for catechists in order to increase their awareness of the importance of nourishing themselves with the Word of God and the Eucharist so that in this way they are strengthened and more effective in evangelizing, nourishing themselves at this double banquet.

Sisters' Mission in Punacancha

In the village of Punacancha, the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters continue to visit families, offering them spiritual support and encouraging the villagers of Cochapata, Araycalla, and Kirkas to approach the sacraments more often. The best gift they receive is every two weeks when the parish priest celebrates Holy Mass. We pray ceaselessly to the Lord that they accept His Word in their lives.

The Archdiocese of Cuzco is allowing again the preparation for the sacraments of initiation, so the Sisters in Punacancha have begun catechizing the children at the Assistance Center in preparation to receive the sacraments.

In the mission of Kirkas we are planning to begin the construction of a church for which we ask your prayers.



The MSP Sisters at the mission in Punacancha visit the elderly who live alone, poor and forgotten by their children in Cuzco, Peru

Sisters' Mission in Rumichaca

During vacation the MSP Sisters joyfully received the children from the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home. At the same time, they took advantage of the vacation time to make their annual spiritual retreat.

The Sisters continue to help the children who come to the Saint Dominic Savio

oratory, both boys and girls. Those who are being prepared for the sacraments are helped virtually and semi-virtually.

Visits to families also continue. They are invited to approach the sacraments so as to live a life of grace in God and achieve salvation.



The MSP Sisters at the mission in Rumichaca sharing a refreshment after a catechism class for children and their parents.

Sisters' Mission in Ilo-Moquegua

The MSP Sisters carried out First Communion for some 30 children in Boca de Sapo and 24 de Octubre. The children prepared themselves with great enthusiasm and joy for this sweet encounter with Jesus in their hearts. We ask Mary Most Holy that she grant them pure hearts and that they remain

always in the grace of God as her own dear children.

In addition, the Sisters restarted in-person catechism with the group of children preparing for First Communion at the Saint Elizabeth Parish School where they also offer spiritual support and teach religion classes.

The MSP Sisters at the mission in Ilo help the parish priest in the preparation of catechesis for the children and young people of Moquegua, Peru.



Sisters' Mission in Guadalajara, Mexico

The MSP Sisters, after two long years of pandemic, began again in person the Saint Maria Goretti oratory for the girls in the area.

They also continue spiritual formation with the students of the Mater Dei girls' school and with talks for girls preparing for the celebration of their fifteenth birthday.

The Sisters visit homes as instruments of Jesus Who says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me" (Rev. 3:20). A few months ago we knocked at the door of a woman named Teresa who suffers a slight retardation. She is from the state of Nayarit and was rejected and abandoned as a child by her parents and siblings because of her disability.

Finding her abandoned in the street, a couple took her into their home but not as a daughter but as a servant who took advantage of her for their own benefit. Teresa was mistreated by this family for many years until, not being able to stand any more, she escaped to Guadalajara and found herself once more on the street. Out of necessity, she collected disposable containers but the money she received didn't cover her needs. Later she met a man named Eduardo who took pity on her and let her live in his house.

Currently she takes care of a little plot of land and also continues to collect disposable bottles. As she is still so needy, the Sisters visit her to chat, pray, and bring her some food.



The MSP Sisters at the mission in Guadalajara visit the elderly poor bringing them different products our Benefactors have sent to Mexico.

In the next few months, God willing, the Sisters will make a spiritual retreat for the families who help them. The theme will be "The Love of God."

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING HIM IN THE POOR AS MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR.

Have you asked yourself what you would do if God was calling you to be a missionary among the most needy?

How can I help the poor?



- Offering your sacrifices and prayers, together with your faithfulness to the Gospel and the Pope, so that each Missionary Servant of the Poor may be the living presence of Jesus among the poor.
- Echoing the cry of the poor by distributing to your friends and family this newsletter and all of our material (which you may request for free) as well as by organizing meetings at which one of missionaries may teach people about our mission.
- Sending us Mass intentions
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- By remembering the Missionary Servants of the Poor in your will.

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Thank you for all that you do



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“The laity are at the forefront of the life of the church”.

“We need your testimony about the truth of the Gospel and his example in expressing their faith with the practice of solidarity”

Video made by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network 2018

This Spiritual Offering may be sent to our address in Cuzco, Peru. There it will be placed at the feet of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel "Holy Mary Mother of the Poor", in the City of the Boys (Andahuaylillas, Cuzco - Peru).

If a missionary flame burns within you, don't let it go out. You are called to feed it!

Our missionary communities of priests and brothers, contemplatives, young laymen, sisters, and married couples will help you on this journey.

*If you are a young person wishing to explore a vocation for at least a year living in mission territory and sharing the community life of the Missionary Servants of the Poor and disposed to discern what mission God is calling you to in the church...the poor await you.

*If you feel called to follow a path of consecration, transforming your whole life into service to the poorest as a missionary brother or sister...the poor await you.

*If you are a married couple who, with their children, have decided to open your family to

the poor as a "domestic missionary church"... the poor await you.

*If you are a layperson or religious who wants to make an official public commitment of personal conversion and of prayer to the Institute of the Missionary Servants of the Poor in a commitment ceremony as an oblate...the poor await you.

*If you would like to personally help in your diocese or form a Support Group of the Missionary Servants of the Poor with the aim of deepening and spreading our charism, fostering recollection, continuous conversion, spiritual freedom of each and every one of its members, and in this way go to others with enthusiasm and generosity, full of the love of God...contact us.

If you want to offer your prayer and sufferings for the Missionary Servants of the Poor but without a binding commitment...contact us.

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HISTORY OF THE EVANGELIZATION OF PERU (III)

Fr. Paolo Giandinoto, msp (Italian)

It was on Columbus' second voyage, leaving Cadiz on September 25, 1493 with twelve missionaries, that the darkness of the dark mystery of evil in the Indies began to dissipate. The tribal customs of the Indies were often savage and bloody. Cruelty and oppression by the chiefs towards the Indians, a polytheistic/animistic religion, polygamy, human sacrifices, cannibalism, unspeakable cruelties, continual warfare, slavery, and fierce tyranny of one people against another.

However, the first Spaniards, who were often fascinated by the kindness of the Indians in the face of the horrors that they themselves described, saw those Indians not so much as bad, but as poor demon-possessed men who had to be freed by exorcising them with the Cross of Christ. From the first, conquistador and missionaries saw that not all of the Indians committed the horrors that some did, nor were they completely responsible for those crimes. The missionaries, encountering the new world of the Indies, oscillated continually between admiration and fear, but, in every case, they preached the Gospel absolutely convinced that the grace of Christ would work miracles among that people.

At the beginning of the Conquest, when a legal framework did not yet exist and the

new lands were not known, confusion, improvisation, greed and violence threatened to pervert a great deed at its very root.



There were crimes and abuses. Christopher Columbus himself, with few qualities of a ruler, failed as the Viceroy of the Indies.

It should be remembered that from the beginning, including before the Papal Bulls of Pope Alexander VI in 1493, the Catholic Kings in the *Instruction* that they gave Columbus on May 29, 1493, while congratulating themselves that the Indians had been found "very prepared to convert," stipulated that the Indians should "be treated lovingly," without

inflicting the slightest harm, so that bonds of dialogue and familiarity would be established with them.

Distinct from what happened with the other conquering nations, in Spanish America a true fusion of two worlds immensely different in mentality, customs, religion, family and work habits, economics, and politics took place. In this encounter was begun the huge process of biological and cultural blending which gave rise to a New World.



The Missionary Priests Servants of the Poor continue evangelizing the villages of the Andes of Cuzco, Peru.

In Praise of Contemplatives

Would you like to join our Contemplative Servants of the Poor who dedicate most of their day to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, and who also dedicate numerous hours to manual Labour in order to help the poor?

You have chosen, or more exactly, Christ has chosen you, to live His Easter Mystery with Him in time and space. May all that you are, everything you do each day, be it the Office recited or sung, the celebration of the Eucharist, the work done in your cell or in community, respect for the cloister and silence, the voluntary or imposed mortification of the rule, be taken on, sanctified, and used by Christ for the world's redemption.



Like Saint Theresine of the Child Jesus, you too can offer your contemplative life to God to benefit the neediest.

I,

from the Monastery of:

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commit myself to live the obedience and poverty of my surrender to God in my monastery for the Missionary Servants of the Poor, so that the Kingdom of God may come to the poorest.

Date

Signature

MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR



*“Woe to me
if I do not
preach the Gospel!”*

(1 Cor. 9:16)

Fr. Luis Maria Sallé, msp (French)

Instaurare Omnia in Christo (To restore all things in Christ). With these words of Saint Paul, which was the moto of Pope Saint Pius X, great pastor of souls, I want to share the joy of the mission with you.

During the time of Easter, centered on the mystery of the Resurrection, it is important to remember the Catholic duty and commitment, acquired through baptism, of collaborating in the spreading of the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ in our world which is saturated with so much relativism and disoriented by so much confusion.

With two Priests and two Brothers, I had the grace of being able to be a “herald of the Gospel,” as Pius XII described it in his encyclical *Evangelii praecones* (June 2, 1951) on the method of promoting missionary work. Those who have

suffered most during this pandemic are our poor. It is really painful not to be able to serve them and help them nor bring them the truth of our beautiful Catholic faith like we did before the pandemic.

However, on this occasion we were able to go to ten villages in the High Cordillera: Ccolccayqui, Mayubamba, Alto de Cucuchiray, Yarcacunca, San Juan de Quihuare, Parrocochan, Kuñutambo, Parara, Pirque, and Papres.

Certainly the devil was furious on seeing that our poor, forgotten by everyone but not by our Good God, were served with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, confession, the Holy Rosary, and catechism. And the rain and mud definitely didn’t make our mission to 14,000 feet above sea level any easier!

On the other hand, it was a remarkable grace to be able to carry out the baptism of three little sisters in the town of Ccolccayqui. And, although punctuality is not well loved in these regions, the adults and children always came to Mass and catechism.

Furthermore, thank God, the limitations of the pandemic did not prevent our regular presence when visiting our poor. In fact, in two of these villages, Papres and Pirque, which we weren't able to visit for a long time due to lack of personnel, the road

was blocked by a landslide which required us to take a detour of an hour and a half. But the love and joy with which the people greeted us when they saw us was the best reward for so much sacrifice. It was worth the effort!

On the other hand, it is sad to see how the absence of a priest in these lands encourages the proliferation of sects. Despite this, many poor villages keep their trust in God and in the ministers of the Catholic Church.





The MSP Priests travel miles to reach the schools where poor children study and are in need of knowing and hearing the Word of God.

The poor children of the Andes grow up aimlessly, without hope. For this reason the Missionary Servants of the Poor travel to the villages of the Andes bringing them to God and giving joy to them and their families.



It is the great mystery of the Passion of Our Lord that continues to act in the most vulnerable members of the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, the poor. And we, with the hope of the Resurrection, are happy to spread the Kingdom of Christ the King among his chosen.

Obviously, religious ignorance and the absence of the sacraments through the scarcity of priests makes us feel powerless given that these poor people need pastors that can accompany and encourage them to pray and to receive the sacraments. It's not necessary to invent anything new. It's enough to communicate what we have received from Our Lord. It isn't necessary to organize colloquiums to theorize but to be joyfully and zealously among the poor. In the words of Pope Francis speaking to the pastors of the flock, one needs to "smell of the sheep."

Today more than ever those words of Our Lord resonate, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send

out laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:37-38). It’s evident that our poor in the Andes are hungry and thirsty for the God of Love that pardons, heals, raises up, fills them with hope, the poor who are our greatest benefactors. Saint Paul says, “Woe to me if I don’t evangelize!” (1Cor. 9:16).

These words of the Apostle should serve as an examination of conscience for us because among our poor there are many

adults and children who have become Protestants for lack of priests. However, it has impressed me greatly the fact that many of them, hungry for the Word of God, come to Mass or catechism instruction “like sheep without a shepherd.” So we see that, despite the confusion created by the arrival of the Protestants, there remains in their conscience, darkened by error, the light of the Truth and the Love of Christ.



When the MSP Priests arrive in a village and celebrate Holy Mass, the people attend joyfully because they are thirsty for God.



The MSP Priests, finding no church in the High Cordillera of the Andes, celebrate Holy Mass even on an altar of stones.

Definitely, the presence of simple witnesses and clear teaching on the way that leads to Heaven bear fruit, by the grace of God. And this, together with a little bouquet of flowers as a token of gratitude from our poor, is a stimulus for my priestly and religious life. The mission is fulfilling! Souls are thirsty! And we servants try to serve them the best we can! How beautiful it is to be Catholics, without fear, always grateful to our Good God Who deigns to choose weak instruments to spread the treasures of the Catholic Church!

I end this testimony with the collect prayer for the Mass in honor of Saint Francis Xavier, patron of the missions along with Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. “O God, who through the preaching of Saint Francis Xavier won many peoples to yourself, grant that the hearts of the faithful may burn with the same zeal for the faith and that Holy Church may everywhere rejoice in an abundance of offspring.”

Hail Mary Most Pure!



Young people, I should like to share a most important truth with you and that is that God loves you with the love of a Father and encourages you to continue seeking peace, that true and lasting peace.

(Pope Francis. Greeting of the Holy Father to Colombians, September 7, 2017)



With the Missionary Servants of the Poor, you can achieve this ideal – through a life of deep prayer and generous self-giving to so many brothers who suffer all types of marginalisation.

CHRONICLE

The City of Boys



Thanks to our benefactors, the boys of our MSP Saint Tarcisus Home were made happy by the gifts they received on Christmas.

Dear Friends, I am going to give you some news of our City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Cuzco.

We ended the school year on December 17 which obviously made our boys happy because the summer vacation begins. Some of them, especially Lucio Teves and Paul Inquillay who have been with

us for many years, who have reached the age of majority and finished high school have had to leave our home to continue their studies at the university. However, this doesn't prevent us continuing to help them with what they need. Others of our boys went home, some for good and others for well-earned vacations.

During vacation, the boys from the Saint Tarcisus Home at the City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Cuzco, Peru went on outings and camping.



We celebrated Christmas with great joy and devotion. Our boys were very happy to be able to open their presents on December 25, gifts which Providence sent us through you, our benefactors. It was a busy time because that day we also had First Communion for some of our

students in our elementary school and everything had to be gotten ready and made beautiful for so special an occasion. These boys received the Lord with marked devotion and great love.



After these events, we spent the octave of Christmas at home and said goodbye to 2021. Then during the Office and the singing of the *Veni, Creator*, we welcomed the New Year 2022. On January 2 we went to the little “vacation house” in a neighborhood of Cuzco called San Jerónimo and we were there with the boys until the end of the month.

During January and February we had two camps with our boys from the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School and with the boys that live at our home. These were “scouting” camps since, as you will remember, we have a group whose holy patron is the archangel Saint Michael. Each camp was two weeks long in which we had times of prayer (Holy Mass, the rosary, etc.) and times of play and exploration and formation. At the end of February and after a long vacation, we began a new school year.



Boys like Omar from the Saint Tarcisus Home are happy to begin the new school year.

Holy Mary Mother of the Poor House of Formation (Ajofrin, Toledo, Spain)



“Don’t settle for being skilled at using social media and media to communicate. Only transformed by the Word of God can you communicate words of life.

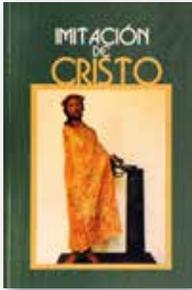
(Talk to the Community of the Pontifical Pius XI Regional Seminary of Ancona. October 6, 2021)

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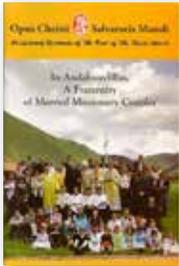
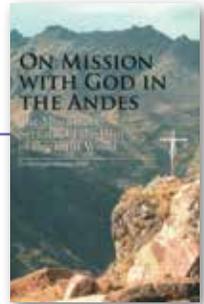


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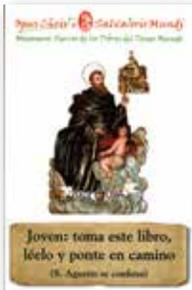
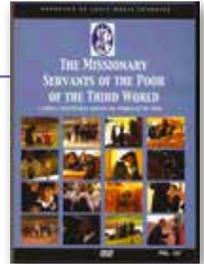


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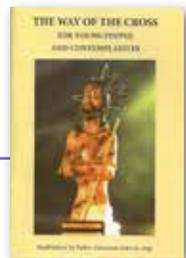


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