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Missionary Servants of the Poor



It is the Spirit who arouses and animates the mission, impresses on it "genetic" connotations, nuances and particular movements that make the proclamation of the Gospel and the confession of the Christian faith something different.

*(Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Pontifical Mission Societies,
May 21, 2020, Solemnity of Ascension of the Lord.)*

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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 with your prayers!

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Mission in the Andes Mountains of Peru

Br. Erick Domínguez Cardoso, msp (Mexican)

The Missionary Servants of the Poor have as our charism the great blessing of being available to carry out the commandment that Christ gave His Church: *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:19).*

Within this general commandment, the men's branch of the Missionary Servants of the Poor dedicates a good part of these efforts to helping the parish priests that have a difficult job of pastorally attending to their large territories. After so many years during which the number of priests has fallen, the faith has notably diminished among the people and the pastoral labor required must be directed to the root of the faith, to resuscitate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which leads to a conversion of one's life.

However, there still remain older people who have a deep faith and have fulfilled their responsibility of educating their children and grandchildren in the faith. These persons are the spiritual engine of the communities we serve since they attend Holy Mass and make sure the people receive the missionaries with trust and affection. The pastoral work, therefore, is preaching Jesus Christ and His redeeming mission to everyone and strengthening the faith of those who have maintained the faith under difficult circumstances.

The Missionary Servants of the Poor undertake this labor with the assurance that we act in the name of the Church and are sustained by her. It is greatly satisfying to know that we are sent by representatives with apostolic authority.

The second reason for the assurance with which we launch out into these places “beyond the asphalt” is the valuable intercession of all the people of good will who have decided to associate themselves in different ways with our work, especially offering their sufferings and sacrifices and thereby complying with the teaching of Saint Paul: *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and*

in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s affliction for the sake of his body, that is, the church (Col. 1:24).

Currently our missionary work in the villages of the Peruvian Andes is done on Mondays and Tuesdays. We serve about fifteen communities and once a year we carry out week-long missions as we are able.



The Missionary Servants of the Poor Priests and Brothers always visit the elderly when they go to the villages in the mountains.



The villagers of the Andes of Peru ask the MSP Priests to bless their houses which makes them feel like God is with them.

Our principal aim is to bring everyone to an encounter with Christ in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. To do this we teach catechism, make home visits, blessings, games, works and special times of fraternal sharing.

We teach catechism especially in the schools. The teachers are our first collaborators in this work since they

turn over their classrooms to us. They are the ones who encourage the families to get the necessary documents to receive the sacraments. In this way they become our valuable helpers in achieving our mission.

However, our catechetical work is not limited to the schools but is also done in the homes of the people willing to do this.

When we are in the homes we place special emphasis on house blessings done by the priests since in this way the strength of the praying Church unfolds in a special way and the Holy Spirit sanctifies the hearts of the listeners and produces fruits of a holy life (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1083 and 1670).

During our visits we invite people to pray the Rosary which is usually accompanied by meditations and songs and participation in Holy Mass. At the same time they are given a chance to go to confession. Before Mass the children learn the names of the vestments and liturgical vessels. The songs in Quechua are usually well received by the people who also like to sing in Spanish.

Many of the faithful go to communion and accompany their prayers with thanksgiving. At the end of Holy Mass we share some food like yogurt made from the milk of the cows raised at the City of Boys and bread baked in our bakery. On solemnities we make hot chocolate. The young people usually stay with us longer to play volleyball or soccer and help us with cleaning up.

This is the way we Missionary Servants of the Poor walk with our communities toward eternal life in the joyful hope that springs from the sacraments and in close collaboration with the Church which continues the work of Christ, the only Savior of mankind.



The Peruvian villagers of the mountains enjoy participating in the various religious activities celebrated by the MSP Priests and Brothers.

MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE POOR



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



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THE MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE POOR

Our children of the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home before, during, and after Covid-19

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor

This year of 2022 appears more hopeful than the two previous years during which, directly or indirectly, we were all battered by not being able to do anything about the pandemic, especially when the virus attacked a family member or friend.

We experienced this in the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home where we have our children who suffer from congenital illnesses like hydrocephaly, microcephaly, cerebral palsy, and other conditions derived from these.

Orphaned and abandoned children living at the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home run by the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters in Cuzco, Peru.



The children with different illnesses in the Saint Raphael Room of the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home are cared for with much dedication.



In addition, many of our orphaned children arrive as newborns and from their first days of life are fed formula so their immunities are lower than a baby fed on mother's milk.

After reviewing the situation, the Sisters decided to close the Home to quarantine ourselves in order to prevent infection. We were able to maintain this quarantine until January of this year when the authorities of the Ministry of Health informed us that Covid-19 had become less of a threat. But a little later we were alerted that the Omicron variant had appeared in Cuzco. Although we took precautions, it wasn't sufficient to prevent it entering the Home.

The Sisters were the first to get symptoms but the fact that they didn't lose the sense of smell and taste made us think it was a simple cold. However, after three days the symptoms had spread and the doctor advised us to take a Covid test which turned out positive.

Our first thought was for our children. Thanks be to God, only the sick children were in the Home. The healthy ones had been sent on vacation to Urubamba outside the city of Cuzco. We were worried about infecting them even though we always wore masks except when eating. We asked the doctor for advice and he told us to isolate all the Sisters with symptoms of which there were fourteen. Only two or three didn't have symptoms. That same day at 2:00 our children began to show symptoms of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. The nightmare we feared was knocking at our door, and with strength!

We were filled with anguish over the decline of our children. We called the Sisters at our different houses and they came to take care of the children. The Sisters came knowing that the children could infect them but this didn't matter. They knew that, despite the danger, their duty was to help the children sick with Covid-19.

It was January 10 and at 6:00 pm all the Sisters usually in charge of the Home left the care of our children to our Sisters who had arrived from different houses to help.

Among the Sisters, the virus presented as a cold accompanied by fever and headache but the greatest suffering was in the heart, worrying about the children. That night, despite being sick, we doubled our prayer time interceding for our children that the Lord give their little bodies, already so tried, the strength to overcome the virus and for the Sisters that were taking care of them so that they not be infected, at least until we were well enough to take over the care.

The Sister in charge gave us the consoling news, “Despite having fevers, vomiting, diarrhea and no appetite, the children are holding their own. No one is getting

complications. They are all remaining stable.” This news encouraged us and inspired heartfelt thanksgiving that our little ones were fighting this battle with the strength that only God can give.

While we fourteen Sisters were in quarantine, we had more time for prayer and work in common and offering to God what each of us suffered by being sick. After ten days in isolation, our Sisters who were with the children morning and night began to get sick. Relief for them was necessary but unplanned but God had a plan. Some more Sisters came to relieve those who had to leave.

When we returned to the care of our children, some were through the critical stage like the Sisters, others were sick and the rest had no symptoms.

The MSP Sisters surrender themselves completely to the sick children at the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home with much love and attention.



The children who were no longer contagious (Felipe, Nayomi Ana, Aldar, Javier, Guadalupe, Luz Merli) had lost weight, were haggard and tired but they were smiling and their smiles reflected **trust**, a trust that couldn't be ruffled by the storm. I think that comparing them with soldiers who have returned home after a war is a good one. These children really fought because they knew that if they gave in we would also give in. We remember this time with tears of gratitude to God for being so good to us. Our children are the best demonstration of how close God is to us.

We are also exceedingly grateful to the doctors and nurses who did everything possible to help us. The doctors who know our children, when they found out that we had been infected, hastened to put themselves at our disposal and

checked in to see how everyone was doing. Their accompanying us relieved us as did the calls from those who wanted to encourage us and assure us of their prayers.

We experienced in a palpable way the Communion of Saints during this pandemic. We pray that they remain in this communion to one day see the fruits in the Lord Jesus.

Now that the children are stable, we have returned to normal life. Our girls have returned to school and little by little the Sisters are taking up their activities with the people in the villages, catechesis in the oratories, and helping the needy. We hope to reopen the dining room soon for the girls.

God bless you all.



During the pandemic, the small children that entered the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home received the Sacrament of Baptism.

CHRONICLE

MISSION OF THE SISTERS AT THE MOTHER HOUSE

After a long suspension in the apostolates done from the Mother House, the Missionary Servants Sisters of the Poor are able to take up their different apostolates again.

Laura Vicuña Oratory: In the oratory the Sisters teach catechism, pray the rosary, and teach various games and activities in addition to knitting and drawing workshops. The day ends with a substantial snack. Every meeting we see how God works in these girls who feel happier and loved by Him.

Extraordinary Mission: After a long pause due to the pandemic, the Sisters have taken up again the missions in the mountains to 23 villages in the Departments of Cuzco, Apurimac, and Puno. In some of the villages we have noticed a cooling of the Faith because during our absence the members of some other church or sect took advantage of the situation to convince the people to come to their meetings. Instead, thanks be to God, the villages with which we were able to maintain contact have remained faithful to the Catholic Faith.



After almost two years of pandemic, the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters have opened the oratory to more than thirty girls in Cuzco, Peru.

But we were even happier to learn that the catechists themselves made an effort so that the Faith wouldn't fade by organizing small meetings in the Church to pray the Holy Rosary, read the Gospel of the day and explain it. The issue we are addressing in the missions is the defense of our faith. Our greatest desire as Sisters is that we may be good instruments in the hands of the Lord so that He Himself may work through us in the hearts of everyone we meet.

Saint Joseph del Rio Mission to Boys:

The Sisters started this new mission of Saturday afternoons for boys and teenagers around Tikapata. The Sisters visit people in their homes and invite them to pray the rosary, to come to catechism classes to prepare for the sacraments, to Bible study workshops, and crafts (like painting, for example), as well as playing games and other activities. God willing, the number of boys attending will increase.



The MSP Sisters have begun missions again in different villages in the mountains of Peru.

Saint Mary Queen of Peace Soup Kitchen for Girls: By the grace of God, the Sisters were also able to take up our activities with the girls again. The work with them consists in helping them

with homework, preparing them for the sacraments, and teaching them work skills such as baking, sewing, drawing, and painting.

MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN PUNACANCHA

- The Sisters continue taking care of children at the Divine Mercy Aid Center and with visiting families and the elderly in the villages of Punacancha, Ccochapata, Araycalla, and Kircas.
- After two years of virtual classes, the Sisters are teaching in-person religion classes at schools in Punacancha and Ccochapata. Unfortunately, after the pandemic we can see that the students are having trouble with academics.
- With the help and permission of the parish priest, the Sisters prepared some children to receive Jesus into their hearts through First Holy Communion. Also, by the grace of God, a wedding took place between a couple after a long process of conversion from Protestantism to the Catholic Church.
- We began the preparation for the sacraments of initiation in the community of Ccochapata. We give thanks to the Lord for these catechumens and ask the Holy Spirit to continue helping them to grow in their desire to join the Church.



The MSP Sisters in the village of Punacancha have begun their activities again with children from different villages that they help in Cuzco, Peru.

MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN CUSIBAMBA

In the villages of Huayllay, Corca, and Totorá, the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters continue with the following apostolates:

Blessed Imelda Student Residence: Fifteen girls entered this year. We started in-person classes at the school where the girls have the support of the Sisters and a teacher. Also, the Sisters teach religion classes at a primary school in Cusibamba and Totorá.

Guardian Angels Center: The Sisters help 30 children and teenagers there. Every day they are given lunch and help with homework.



Girls of the Blessed Imelda Student Residence in Cusibamba, Cuzco, Peru.

MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN RUMICHACA

- Thanks be to God, the MSP Sisters were able to begin again in-person catechism in the Saint Dominic Savio and Saint Philomena oratories. Once a month catechism is also taught to the parents. For many of them it is a new experience when they discover that they are beloved children of God.
- We also had the joy of doing a Eucharistic Day with the children of our oratories and a spiritual retreat with the parents and teenagers who showed much interest.



MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN ILO, MOQUEGUA

Saint Rose of Lima Mission: With the blessing of God, the Sisters continue this mission where up to now 40 candidates for Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation are being prepared. A small group of children 5-7 years old are being formed to be spreaders of the Gospel in their homes.

Saint Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen: We help forty families here by giving out 110 meals daily which are prepared with the help of the families themselves. Before sharing the meals, the Sisters say a prayer, read the Gospel for the day, and finally, bless the food.

On Saturday, the Sisters have opened the oratory again for the children of Alto Chiribaya to wean from their dependence on social media and teach them about God with prayer, catechesis, videos and games. We have managed to get many to participate. Also, the Sisters have invited the parents to come to Bible classes and, thanks be to God, we have gotten a good response of people who come faithfully.

Guadalupe Mission: Here the Sisters have started a Bible study for children who have received their sacraments of initiation. In this way, they seek to continue the Christian formation of the children that will bring them to a serious commitment to their faith.

MSP Sisters in Ilo, Moquegua, Peru taking up their catechetical activities again with the girls of the parish.



MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN GUADALAJARA

The Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters help out at the Our Lady of Guadalupe parish giving talks for 15-year-old girls, bringing the Eucharist to the sick and elderly, visiting families, and helping with the spiritual formation of the girls of the Mater Dei School.

They thank God because every day their lives are touched by different situations that strengthen and help them to see the great value of suffering since this is something that many people don't want to face.

In Valle de los Molinos, the Sisters visit the home of José Guadalupe and Celia who have been married 42 years. Thirty years ago, José Guadalupe became sick with Parkinson's disease and little by little became worse. He underwent two surgeries hoping to get better but gradually he lost his ability to speak and then his ability to move and finally to even open his eyes. In the beginning, it was hard for Celia to accept her husband's illness but what kept her going were her marriage vows which she pronounced the day of their wedding. "I promise to be faithful in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and to love you and respect you all the days of my life." Spiritually, she clings more tightly to the Lord and the Virgin Mary and understands better the value of suffering. Economically, they get by with the sewing that Celia does and with the support that different people give them.



The MSP Sisters in Guadalajara, Mexico continue their mission of visiting the sick and bringing them the Word of God.

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
- By feeding one of the students of our school for a year = \$350
- By paying for the annual educational expenses for one of our children = \$850
- By remembering the Missionary Servants of the Poor in your will.

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**With your help, one more child
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*Thanks to
your help, one
more child
can be fed in
our houses of
Cusco, Perú*

Thank you for all that you do



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 your children, have decided to open your family to the

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

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...contact us.

*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.

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Form of offering	Frequency				
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Every man and woman is a mission, and this is the reason why we are on earth.

Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Missions, 2018
 Vatican, May 20, 2018, Pentecost

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).

HISTORY OF THE EVANGELIZATION OF PERU (IV)

Fr. Paolo Giandinoto, msp (Italian)

In 1502 the Catholic Kings, alarmed by the disorder and abuses, sent Fray Nicolás de Avando y Cáceres to Hispaniola as the new governor with twelve Franciscans and 2,500 men of all different professions and ranks. Among them was 24-year-old Francisco Pizarro and 17-year-old Bartolomé de las Casas accompanying his father. On February 13, 1502 the powerful fleet of thirty ships left Cadiz and arrived on April 15 of the same year at the port of Santo Domingo on the island of Hispaniola.

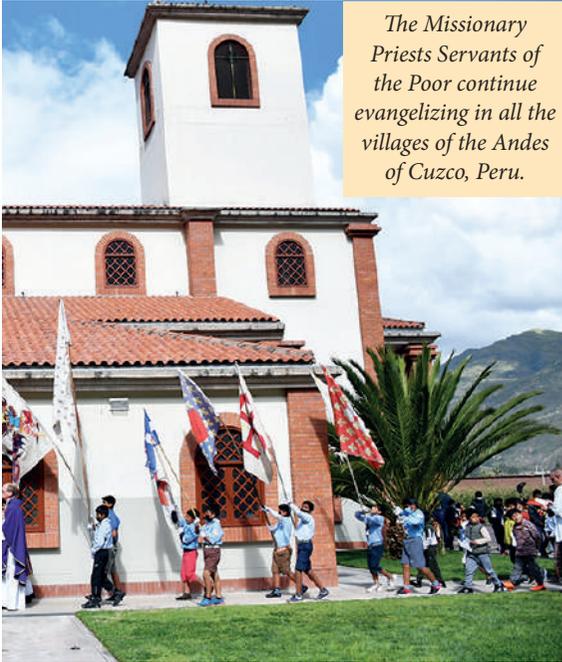
In the Instructions of Granada (1501), the Spanish rulers had given Ovando very clear rules. They wanted to have free vassals in the Indies, as free and well treated as in Spain.

First of all, you will procure with great diligence the things of the service of God... Because We wish that the Indians convert to our holy Catholic Faith, and their souls be saved... You will take great care to ensure, without forcing them, that the religious who are there inform them and admonish them with much love... In addition: You will see to it that the Indians are well treated and can travel safely throughout the land, and no one



forces them, or steals from them, or does them any other harm or damage. If the caciques know of any abuse, let them inform you, so you may punish it. The tributes for the King must be agreed upon with them, so that they know that no injustice is done to them. Finally, if the royal officials do something bad, you must take away their office, and punish them justly...

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



Some of the more blatant abuses from the beginning were remedied, but things were still very bad. Of the 100,000 or 200,000 Indians, or perhaps a million, on Hispaniola, in 1517 only about 10,000 remained. In the following years, although not in such serious proportions, a similar phenomenon took place in other regions of the Indies. How to explain this? The Spaniards cannot simply be accused of

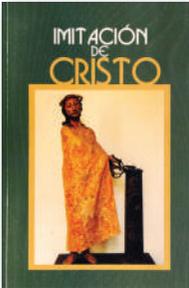
murdering and exploiting the Indians. There had to be, in addition to wars and mistreatment, another cause... And there was.

It has long been known that the main cause of this frightening demographic decline was due to plagues, to the total vulnerability of the Indians to pathogens unknown there. Much more than the atrocities of the conquerors, which have often been unfairly exaggerated, the immune deficiencies of that indigenous population against European diseases, even the most benign ones such as the common cold and the flu, were the reason that, in addition to being already undernourished and weak, they would disappear en masse before the bacterial and viral onslaught in successive deadly epidemics.

The Europeans, for their part, also suffered massively from the attack of tropical diseases, against which they were not immunized. They also suffered from local undernourishment. For example, of the 2,500 Spaniards who arrived in the Antilles in 1502 with Ovando's fleet, none remained unscathed. More than 1,000 died and the rest fell ill due to privations and hunger.

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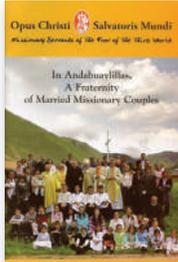
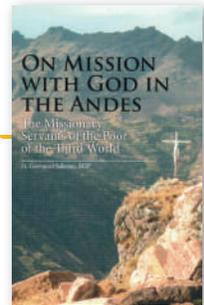


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New translation of the spiritual rule of the Missionary Servants of the Poor. (available only in Spanish and Italian)

On Mission with God in the Andes:

This book presents Father Giovanni Salerno's anecdotes and personal reflections on his missionary experience in the Andes.

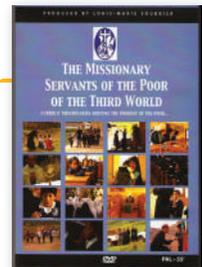


Missionary Couples:

This booklet tells about the Fraternity of Missionary Couples of our movement, who serve the poor as entire families.

Missionary Servants of the Poor:

Catholic missionaries serving the poorest of the poor. A 55minute DVD presenting the charisms of the Movement and its different communities.

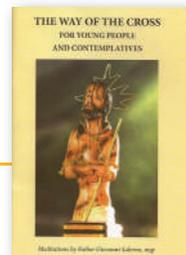


The Confessions of St. Augustine:

Dear young people, Saint Augustine tells you frankly about his life so that you can discover with him how beautiful the gift of your life is. (available only in Spanish and Italian)

The Way of the Cross for Young People and Contemplatives:

Fr Giovanni Salerno meditates on the sorrowful Path looking on the Indios for whom he gave-up his life.



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MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR



Evangelization in Cuba and the Catholic Church

Fr. Mathias Brand, msp (German)

The mission of the Catholic Church in Cuba began in the 16th century with the Spanish Conquest. The Church in Cuba had a very important role for centuries and whose signs are seen even today in the many Christian buildings and names found all over the country.

With Castro's revolution more than 60 years ago, there was a drastic change. The political influence of the Catholic

Church was substantially weakened. Many priests and religious left the island and practicing Catholics were not viewed well by society.

Religious practice moved a little from the churches to private homes called "mission houses" in which the faithful met to pray and live their faith in small communities. Even today there are more than 2,000 houses of this type in Cuba.



Missionary Servants of the Poor Priests (in gray cassocks) with other missionaries in Cienfuegos, Cuba

Diplomatic relations between Cuba and the Vatican did not improve significantly until the publication of the book "Fidel and Religion: Conversations with Frei Betto" (Havana, Publications Office of the Council of State, 1985, 379 p.) and especially until Fidel Castro's visit to the Vatican on November 19, 1996 and Saint John Paul II's visit to Cuba on January 21-25, 1998. Since then a new phase of relations began. The successive visits of Benedict XVI on March 26-28, 2012 and Pope Francis on September 19-22, 2015 helped on this path of rapprochement.

The Cuban population is very communitarian and religious, despite the materialistic atheism that dominates the political and social structure in which they live. Even in Cuban adolescents and young people there is deep questioning about God and the afterlife, realities about which few in Europe, at least notably, question. This openness to God in Cubans allows us to carry out evangelization with them and to talk to them about the message of Jesus.

I would like to say that Cubans living on the island have a deep thirst for the



Fr. Sebastian, msp, with people in Cienfuegos, Cuba

spiritual, despite the fact that the State's teachings do not point in that direction. Since Cuba is a secular state, the Catholic Church has no part in education in schools. The thirst for God is noticeably manifested in the many requests for the sacraments, especially baptism. Despite the fact that many parents have not received baptism, for them it is not only a wish, but even a duty, that their children receive this gift from God, so important for the life they are beginning to face.

But also in Cuba, as in the rest of the world, the decrease in attachment to even

purely human values is clearly noticeable. Because the supernatural is built on the natural, the mission of the Church has an important role to play in the formation of the people. We, through the different programs of Caritas (school review, music groups, distribution of medicines and breakfasts for the needy, laundry), support the human development of young people and the elderly.

The Church must be built up not only spiritually, but also materially. The lack of construction materials and financial resources, in addition to the extremely

complicated obtaining of state permits, hinders progress in this field, where each community needs a decent and welcoming meeting place, especially for the celebration of the sacraments. Currently, food shortages and currency devaluation are a deep concern for the Church as well. In Cuba, despite the situation of scarcity in which many find themselves, good humor and hope reign remarkably.

Finding daily bread, not only spiritually in the daily Eucharist, but also materially for the table of each home, has been a

very important task in the work of many saints in their respective times, such as Saint Augustine of Hippo before the invasion of the Vandals or Saint Vincent de Paul before the multitude of needy, whose situation moved him and led him to found a religious congregation to assist them. It must be a very important task also for the Church today.

We ask the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, Mother of all Cubans, to extend her mantle over the people who cry out to her in their needs.



Fr. Mathias, msp, crossing a river to get to a town in the Diocese of Cienfuegos, Cuba



It is Jesus who calls you to the mission and He is there at your side. It is Jesus Himself that works in your heart, changes your view, and makes you look at life with new eyes, not with the eyes of a tourist.

Address of the Holy Father to the Young People of the Diocesan Mission
Shrine of Our Lady of the Guard, Genoa, Italy
Saturday, May 27, 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.*

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

I,

from the Monastery of:

Address:

City:

Country:

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

CHRONICLE

The City of Boys

Dear Friends,

Laudetur Jesus Christus.

Of the many things occurring right now, the most important is the starting again of in-person classes at the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School. The boys were happy to return after two difficult years of pandemic.

Throughout the school year we have lived through the different rounds of evaluations and then the long-awaited

vacation. What are our activities during the holidays? About forty boys, together with the Saint Michael boy scout troop, carry out a camp from Monday to Friday with training activities that include participation in daily Mass, different games and short excursions. Some boys from our Saint Tarcisius Home participate in this camp, while the others, together with their leaders, move to a small house in the San Jerónimo neighborhood of Cuzco to spend some time of greater rest there.



Fr. Luis María, msp, guiding the boys of the oratory at the City of Boys in Andahuayllillas, Peru.

At the end of June, four Brothers from our House of Formation in Ajofrín, Toledo and Father Paolo, msp, came to support us. They arrived after finishing the academic year there at the Metropolitan Seminary of the Archdiocese of Toledo. Basically, they help at the Saint Tarcisius Home and the weekly missions in the villages of the high Andean Cordillera. It was a great joy for us to see our Brothers again who are preparing to be Missionary Servants of the Poor Priests.

Since the beginning of this year, we have resumed the weekly missions in the towns of the high Andes Mountains. For this we have several teams normally composed of a Priest and a Brother who go to various towns between Monday and Tuesday. We arrive on Monday morning and do catechism in the elementary schools, from preschool to sixth grade. In the afternoon we visit with the people of the town and in the evening we have the celebration of the Holy Mass. The next day we go to another town for catechism and for Holy Mass in the schools.



The boys and parents joyfully participate in the religious celebration directed by the Missionary Servants of the Poor Priests and Brothers in Cuzco, Peru.



In all the Missionary Servants of the Poor Centers, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with processions, songs, the Holy Rosary, and much joy. Cuzco, Peru.

Every year our Saint Tarcisus Home celebrates its feast on August 14. Normally it would be the 15, but, as it coincides with the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, it is celebrated the day before. This year, in particular, it has been celebrated with great devotion with the solemn Holy Mass. On this day the children of the Home do not go to class and the Brothers and Priests organize different games to entertain them.

Similarly, our Saints Francisco and

Jacinta Marto School has celebrated its 25 years of existence. The celebration was on May 13 with the solemn Holy Mass presided over by Fr. Agustín, director of the school, and followed by a procession with the statue of the Virgin Mary. After that, the day continued with team games and reminders of the past 25 years.

We thank all those who have made the Francisco and Jacinta Marto School possible and ask in particular for your prayers that it continue to grow.

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



You are not preparing for a career to become officials in a company or office. You are becoming shepherds in the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, in order to be like him and to act in His person amid his flock, to feed his sheep.

Address of Pope Francis to the Community of the Pontifical Leonine College in Anagni
Clementine Hall, Monday, April 14, 2014

Why
not?

"Here I am, Lord,
I come to do
your will" (Psalm 39)
If you want to be a
Missionary,
here there is a place
for you!





**STATEMENT FROM MSGR. JUAN JOSÉ SALAVERRY,
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF LIMA AND PONTIFICAL COMMISSIONER
FOR THE MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR**

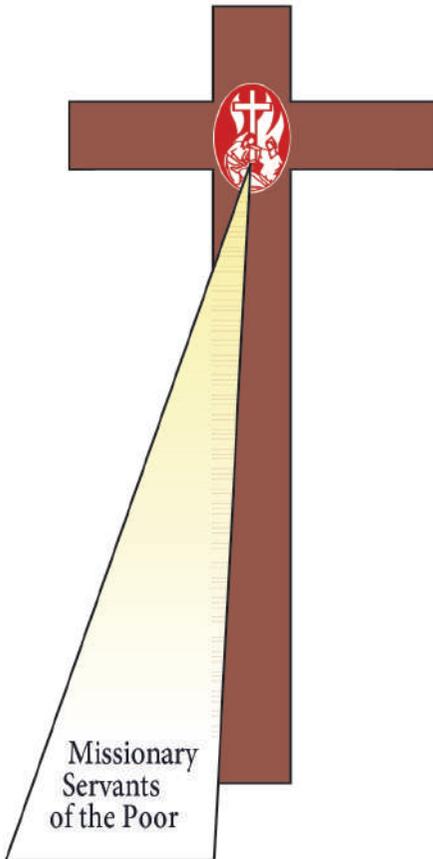
On May 31, 2022, the liturgical Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary, Msgr. Juan José has made public the appointments of the new heads of the women's and men's branches of the Missionary Servants of the Poor.

For the MSP women's branch, Sr. Sandra Goyzueta Umeres is the new Superior and for the MSP men's branch Fr. Walter Corsini is the new Superior as well as Vicar General of all three MSP branches (men's, women's, and lay branches).

"With heartfelt thanks for the humble service rendered by the outgoing Superiors, Sr. Betzabé Huaman Córdova of the women's branch and Fr. Álvaro de María Gómez Fernández of the men's branch and as Vicar General of the three branches, we commend to your prayers those who will assume these positions in the coming months. May the Holy Spirit fill them with His graces so that they fulfill their duties with fidelity and responsibility, as good Servants, and see in their new mission the fulfillment of the will of God in an authentic and valuable service to their brothers and sisters."

**+ Msgr. Juan José Salaverry Villareal, OP
Pontifical Commissioner for the Missionary Servants of the Poor**

OPUS CHRISTI SALVATORIS MUNDI



MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

What is meant by this, is different missionary realities (Priests and consecrated brothers, religious (male and female), missionary families, priests and brothers especially dedicated to the life of prayer and contemplation, associates, oblates, collaborators, support groups) who share the same charism and work under the same founder.

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Formed by those members of the Missionary Servants of the Poor, who are called to follow a more profound way of consecration, with the characteristics of community life and the profession of the Evangelical Counsels according to their condition. To be canonically recognized as two religious institutes: one for the male branch of the Priests and Brothers, and one for the female branch of the Sisters.

SUPPORT GROUPS OF THE MOVEMENT

They aim to deepen and spread our charism, working for the conversion of each and every one of our members, through the organisation of periodic gatherings. These members are considered ASSOCIATES.

OBLATES

The sick, old and imprisoned, who offer their sufferings for the Poor, and for those who have welcomed and endorsed the charism of the Missionary Servants of the Poor, in their lives.

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