



Evangelisation Intention:

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

(Intention of the Holy Father given through the Pope's World Network of Prayer)

The Splendor of the Truth

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

SACRED SCRIPTURE II INSPIRATION AND TRUTH ON SACRED SCRIPTURE

105. *God is the author of Sacred Scripture.* The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author and have been handed on as such to the Church herself (DV 11).

106. *God inspired the human authors of the sacred books.* To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more (DV 11).

107. *The inspired books teach the truth.* Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures» (DV 11).

108. Still, the Christian faith is not a “religion of the book.” Christianity is the religion of the “Word” of God, a word which is “not a written and mute word, but the Word which is incarnate and living.” (St. Bernard, *S. missus est* hom. 4,11:PL 183,86B). If Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, “open [our] minds to understand the Scriptures.” (cf. *Lk* 24:45).

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News to think about

POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC
EXHORTATION
QUERIDA AMAZONIA
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AND TO ALL PERSONS OF GOOD WILL

62. Recognizing the many problems and needs that cry out from the heart of the Amazon region, we can respond beginning with organizations, technical resources, opportunities for discussion and political programmes: all these can be part of the solution. Yet as Christians, we cannot set aside the call to faith that we have received from the Gospel. In our desire to struggle side by side with everyone, we are not ashamed of Jesus Christ. Those who have encountered him, those who live as his friends and identify with his message, must inevitably speak of him and bring to others his offer of new life: “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” (1 Cor 9:16).

63. An authentic option for the poor and the abandoned, while motivating us to liberate them from material poverty and to defend their rights, also involves inviting them to a friendship with the Lord that can elevate and dignify them. How sad it would be if they were to receive from us a body of teachings or a moral code, but not the great message of salvation, the missionary appeal that speaks to the heart and gives meaning to everything else in life. Nor can we be content with a social message. If we devote our lives to their service, to working for the justice and dignity that they deserve, we cannot conceal the fact that we do so because we see Christ in them and because we acknowledge the immense dignity that they have received from God, the Father who loves them with boundless love.

64. They have a right to hear the Gospel, and above all that first proclamation, the *kerygma*, which is “the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another”.^[81] It proclaims a God who infinitely loves every man and woman and has revealed this love fully in Jesus Christ, crucified for us and risen in our lives. I would ask that you re-read the brief summary of this “great message” found in Chapter Four of the Exhortation *Christus Vivit*. That message, expressed in a variety of ways, must constantly resound in the Amazon region. Without that impassioned proclamation, every ecclesial structure would become just another NGO and we would not follow the command given us by Christ: “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation” (Mk 16:15).

65. Any project for growth in the Christian life needs to be centred continually on this message, for “all Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into the *kerygma*”.^[82] The fundamental response to this message, when it leads to a personal encounter with the Lord, is fraternal charity, “the new commandment, the first and the greatest of the commandments, and the one that best identifies us as Christ’s disciples”.^[83] Indeed, the *kerygma* and fraternal charity constitute the great synthesis of the whole content of the Gospel, to be proclaimed unceasingly in the Amazon region. That is what shaped the lives of the great evangelizers of Latin America, like Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo or Saint Joseph of Anchieta.

^[81] *Evang. Gaud.*, 164: AAS 105 (2013), 1088-1089.

^[82] *Ibid.*, 165: AAS 105 (2013), 1089.

^[83] *Ibid.*, 161: AAS 105 (2013), 1087.

The Light of Our Charism

We continue with the presentation from last month regarding a document from Fr. Giovanni Salerno from October 24, 1999: "The Servants of the Poor: A strain of the meek and humble of heart"

***The ladder of
humility: One can
only climb up by
going down***

**Eighth degree of
humility**

At this point a perhaps not superfluous clarification: the eighth degree of humility does not require that in the consecrated community those who must learn everything are

only the newcomers, and veterans have only to teach others how things are done. **To be a true teacher**, -it is worthy repeating- **you have to be the best disciple**. If the elderly and veterans are only willing to teach, show and explain, this means that they are not exemplary religious, because they are not disciples. On the contrary, those who have made a good apprenticeship as disciples and continue to proceed with their mission and not according to a subjective attitude, manufactured for themselves, these ones are the true teachers.



Each one of us should always self-check: " Do I do what is the custom and practice of the community? Do I move according to the promptings of the Holy Spirit or according to my own natural inclinations?". It is necessary to verify if one is a disciple or if his own school has

been established... The Charism of the Movement is “to make school” in meekness and humility, in detachment from oneself, so that each gift of God goes into the common good and especially to the poorest we want to help.

In the extreme case that a local Superior has not been chosen following the promptings of the Spirit, it may even happen that the whole community moves away from the true “attitude of the disciple”, the true following of Christ or “sequela Christi”. Altogether then, we must understand the value of changing course before the boat is shaken by the ravages of the storm.

the one with the charism of discernment is given to someone who has not been clothed with any authority: the authenticity of the gift is noted by the meek and respectful attitude, never infiltrated with arrogance nor presumption.



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The Lord is faithful: when one sincerely desires it, He gives His Spirit to make it understood what would be the best course of action. It is not uncommon that

News from our Homes

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor



These days, a beautiful 29-day-old baby, named **Freedom**, entered our Home of “St Teresa of the Child Jesus” in Cuzco. Because she was born at seven months, she is very small, weighing only 1.90 kg. Thank you, Lord for trusting us with this beautiful baby!

On the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, in the Home of our MSP Sisters in Cuzco, Baptism was received by the last two girls who have entered our home “St Teresa of the Child Jesus”, They are: one year old, María Libertad, and two months old, Evelin. For this Sacrament to be administered, we have had the cooperation of two couples who agreed to sponsor these girls. The celebration was presided by Fr. Padre Raúl Gonzáles, MSP.

School “Santa María Goretti”



The school work of our “St Maria Goretti” school has started. The whole thing started with the Holy Mass and then all the MSP Sisters, aunts and teachers, carried out various activities to welcome all the students who returned to school feeling very content.

Missionary Brothers Servants of the Poor



For the occasion of the First Sunday of Lent, our dear candidate Gustavo, 21 year old and of Chilean nationality, received the scapular vest, a sign of service to the poorest. In this way, he is integrated into the community of the Priests and Brothers MSP in Andahuaylillas, Cuzco-Peru.

Schools “Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto”



Recently we greeted the boys upon their return to our Francisco and Jacinta Marto School. When our boys arrived at the school, they met with their tutors for this year, then we all celebrated the Holy Mass for the start of the school year; later we went in procession with the image of Our Lady of Fatima from the church up to the school, where the teachers had prepared a rich breakfast and several educational comedy plays about the return to school.

Dates & important events:

5 – 12: The Community of the **Missionary Servants** of the Poor in **Ajofrín** will be divided to meet the liturgical demands of various Spanish communities: one of the priests will celebrate in Chauchina (South of Spain), another priest and two students will support the celebrations in Aranda de Duero (North of Spain) and all the others will follow the celebrations in the nearby parishes of Ajofrín.

18 –19: **Missionary** Day organised by the MSP; the Italian parish in the town of Piscinola, near Naples.

21 – 30: Fr. Sebastian and Brother Juan will organise various **missionary** meetings in Switzerland, and in the cities of Fribourg and Lausanne.

24 – 26: Vocational retreat for young people in the Benedictine Monastery in Ghiffa (Italy) preached by the MSP.

Campus 2020

For young men from 1 to 21 August in the Priestly Formation House, Ajofrín (Spain)

For young ladies from 20 July to 8 August in the Mother House MSP, Cuzco (Peru)

For families from 1 to 9 August in Arta Terma (Udine, Italy)

In order to participate in any of these Summer Camps above, it is important to be in contact with us as soon as possible.

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Missionary Pledge of the Month:

During the Easter season I will be visiting the sick, talking about the value of the offering of their suffering for the salvation of many souls. I will also see how to publicise the various campuses for young men, young ladies and families.



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