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MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

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Intention for evangelization:

**Let us pray for the Church, so that she may receive the Grace and strength
from the Holy Spirit
to reform it in the light of the Gospel.**

The splendour of the Truth

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

THE SYMBOLS OF FAITH

192 Through the centuries many professions or symbols of faith have been articulated in response to the needs of the different eras: the creeds of the different apostolic and ancient Churches, (Cf. DS 1-64.) e.g., the Quicumque, also called the Athanasian Creed; (Cf. DS 75-76.) The professions of faith of certain Councils, such as Toledo, Lateran, Lyons, Trent; (Cf. DS 525-541; 800-802; 851-861; 1862-1870.) or the symbols of certain popes, e.g., the Fides Damasi (Cf. DS 71-72.) or the Credo of the People of God of Paul VI. (Paul VI, CPG (1968).)

193 None of the creeds from the different stages in the Church's life can be considered superseded or irrelevant. They help us today to attain and deepen the faith of all times by means of the different summaries made of it.

Among all the creeds, two occupy a special place in the Church's life:

194 The Apostles' Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is "the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith". (St. Ambrose, Expl. symb. 7: PL 17, 1196.)

195 The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day.

196 Our presentation of the faith will follow the Apostles' Creed, which constitutes, as it were, "the

oldest Roman catechism". the presentation will be completed however by constant references to the Nicene Creed, which is often more explicit and more detailed.



197 As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the "standard of teaching", let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe:

This Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul. (St. Ambrose, Expl. symb. I: PL 17, 1193.)

News to think about

**CONGREGATION FOR THE
DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH
"SAMARITANUS BONUS" LETTER
about caring for people in
critical and terminal phases of life**

**Basic care: the duty of nutrition and
hydration**

A fundamental and unavoidable principle of accompanying patients in critical and / or terminal conditions is the continuity of care in their essential physiological functions. In particular, a basic care due to every man is to administer the food and fluids necessary for the maintenance of the homeostasis of the body, to the extent that and until this administration proves to achieve its own purpose, which consists of procuring hydration and nutrition of the patient.

When the administration of nutrient substances and physiological fluids does not result of any benefit to the patient, because his organism is not able to absorb or metabolize it, the administration is suspended. In this way, death due to deprivation of hydration and nutrition aids, essential for vital

functions, is not unlawfully anticipated, but rather the natural history of critical or terminal illness that is respected. Otherwise, the deprivation of these aids becomes an unfair action and can be a source of great suffering for those who suffer it.



Food and hydration do not constitute a medical treatment in their own sense, because they do not combat the causes of an active pathological process in the patient's body, but rather represent the care due to the person of the patient, a primary and unavoidable clinical area of human care. The obligation to care for the patient through proper hydration and nutrition may in some cases require the use of an artificial route of administration, provided that it is not harmful to the patient or causes unacceptable suffering for the patient.

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The light of our charism

SEED OF A CHARISMA

Publication made in 1996 to celebrate the ten years of life of the MSP

Fr. Giovanni Salerno, msp

A spark that grows and expands

I soon learned that Father Giovanni is also a doctor, the initiator of the Santa Mónica Mobile Dispensary, a network of medical posts scattered in numerous towns in the high Andes Mountains (Antabamba, Cotabambas, Colca, Coyllurqui, Progreso, Haquira, etc.), where he arrives periodically to care for the sick (including some lepers), vaccinate children, teach elementary preventive health measures, all as a complement to his specific pastoral work as a priest, religious of the Order of Saint Augustine . Even in the name of the Dispensary I easily discover a filial tribute of the devout Augustinian missionary of the self-sacrificing mother of Saint Augustine, whose tears and prayers obtained from the merciful God the health and salvation of the spiritually lost son.



I also learn that the Sicilian province of the Augustinians, to which Fr. Giovanni legally belongs, has generously yielded him to the Prelature of Chuquibambilla, in the heights of the Andes, near Cusco, even though they needed him there in Italy, because of the shortage of vocations that afflicted the region. Little by little I come to know more and more details of the varied and intense activity of the Father, who speaks with few words but communicates with plenty deeds.

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News from Our Homes

Missionary Servants of the Poor

City of Boys

On July 28, we have lived with special joy the diaconal ordinations of brothers Guido (Peruvian, from Cusco) and Deyvid (Colombian); The joy has been truly special not only because of the gift of two new deacons (Missionary Servants of the Poor) aimed at being priests (already an immense gift), but also because we have lived this event after long difficult months, and so we wanted to interpret it as a sweet caress from the Lord who invites us to look forward to serving the poor in an even more dedicated way. The celebration was presided over by our dear Pontifical Commissioner, Mons. Juan José Salaverry, OP (ordained Bishop last May)

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor

Mother House Cuzco

God has blessed us with the entry of two new members into our family at our Home Nido “Santa Teresa de Jesús”: a month old baby named Milagros.



And the other one is named Angélica Gabriela, she is two years old and entered the Home at the request of the Special Protection Unit. Now she belongs to the group “Santa María Goretti II”, who welcomed her with great enthusiasm. Blessed be God who honours us by entrusting us with the care of so many children. Thanks to all those who with generous hearts make our service possible. Oh Lord, we ask you to make Angelica a holy girl to the measure of your heart. AMEN.

Missions Ilo

Five years ago Angel was a healthy young man, a university student reading botanical sciences. As a result of an accident, he lost his memory, speech, and became bedridden. The mother, more than the father, entered a rather serious depressive picture because Ángel is her eldest son, and they only have two children. After several medical tests, they could not find the exact diagnosis, and the situation only got worse because they gave him psychiatric medicine. When they saw no improvements, they put it aside and entrusted themselves to God. The lady says that she was very desperate and made the decision to flee the home and leave her family.



Being in this situation, one day during the month of May she met the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor, she decided to invite them to her house, to tell them about her situation and confide in them her despair, because she remembered that as a child, she grew up in a house cared by nuns. And in Lima, whenever she needed anything, she went to the nuns. After listening to her, they prayed together and entrusted their entire family to God. Shortly after, with the help of the sisters, their children received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion. Since then Ángel has improved a lot: he can now walk and eat all by himself; his speech is not fully recovered but he is now better understood, he likes to read and draw. Now he comes to Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday accompanied by his father, he prays the Rosary, sings and follows the prayers in the style of Saint Francis Marto (he repeats everything he hears after us). The parents are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony, may God grant that it may come to fruition.

Important dates for the month of August:

09-20 August: Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the town of Hacca and Huillcuyo, in the department (and diocese) of Cusco;

Sunday 22 August: Virtual retreat for women directed by the Missionary Servants of the Poor.

26-28 August: Ordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Pacca, Ccasacunca, Carhuis and Orotea in the department (and diocese) of Cusco;

Friday 27 August: Monthly virtual catechetical formation course with Italian-speaking friends; the appointment is at 9:00 p.m. (Spanish time) on the zoom.us platform;

23 August – 03 September: Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Phara and Limbani in the department (and diocese) of Puno;

Sunday 29 August – Friday 03 September: Spiritual exercises (for men) organized by the monks of the Benedictine Abbey of Flavigny (France) in our house of Formation in Ajofrín.

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Missionary Pledge:

In this month of August, we entrust our contemplative community to continue being a prayerful example in the heart of the Church.

We also ask for all the monasteries that, so silently, support our missionary work, being docile instruments in the hands of God to prepare the ways of Grace in the hearts of men.